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TOWN OFFICERS

May 1983 to May 1984

MODERATOR

William S. Messer	Term expires May 1985

TOWN CLERK

Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 1984

SELECTMEN

Chadwick T. Glover, Chairman	Term expires May 1985
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires May 1986
Robert P. Johnston	Term expires May 1984

ASSESSORS

Norman Fowler, Chairman	Term expires May 1986
Frederick J. Billiel	Term expires May 1985
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires May 1984

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires May 1984

TREASURER

Grace T. Young (resigned)	Term expires May 1985

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Patricia E. Shearer	Term expires May 1986
Mary E. Llewelyn	Term expires May 1985
Joanne M. Gardner	Term expires May 1985
Lorren S. Byrom, Chairman	Term expires May 1984
Michael L. DiBari	Term expires May 1984

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary E. Llewelyn, Chairman	Term expires May 1985
Suzanne J. McGowan	Term expires May 1984

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard A. Giles, Chairman	Term expires May 1985
Lenore H. Gaudet	Term expires May 1985
Jon G. McGowan	Term expires May 1984
Dorothy M. Hammond	Term expires May 1984
Paul Mayberry	Term expires May 1986
Charlene Nagle	Term expires May 1986

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1984
Roger E. Bassett	Term expires May 1985
Horace F. Field	Term expires May 1986

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1985

CONSTABLES

David A. Miller	Term expires May 1986
Joseph J. DeMaria	Term expires May 1986
William J. Young	Term expires May 1986
James B. O'Shea	Term expires May 1986

PLANNING BOARD

James C. Vohr, Chairman	Term expires May 1986
Thomas R. Shearer (resigned)	Term expires May 1984
Peter Pullen (appointed)	
Edith Waaser (resigned)	Term expires May 1985
Doris S. Balk	Term expires May 1987
Barry Coppinger	Term expires May 1988

BOARD OF HEALTH

Christine Kovalchick, Chairman	Term expires May 1984
Patti-Jean Barnes	Term expires May 1985
John F. Jurkowski	Term expires May 1986

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Herbert H. Maynard, Chairman	Term expires May 1986
Kenneth Lee Miller	Term expires May 1984
Jeffrey K. Sibley (resigned)	Term expires May 1985
Albert Stone (appointed)	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Anthony Matteo, Chairman	Term expires May 1986
Almon F. Dirth, Jr. (resigned)	Term expires May 1986
Cornelius Putnam (appointed)	
Rhoda Yucavitch	Term expires May 1985
Sharon Schena	Term expires May 1985
Judith A. Flemister	Term expires May 1984
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires May 1984
John Callahan	Term expires May 1984

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman	Term expires July 1985
James J. Steiner (resigned)	Term expires July 1985
Grace L. Randall	Term expires July 1984
Noelle Anson	Term expires July 1984
Thomas Shearer	Term expires July 1986
David Stone (resigned)	Term expires July 1986

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Daniel Arsenault	Term expires May 1984

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Frederick D. MacNeill

HEALTH INSPECTOR

Joseph Alves

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1984

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler — Term expires July 1984

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

David G. Quinn, Sr.

CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Jr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

David G. Quinn, Sr. — Dennis Williams — Marvin Holloway

CHIEF OF POLICE

Richard F. Taferner

POLICE OFFICERS

Dan A. Gray
William Forrest
James B. O'Shea
Shirley A. Thompson
David R. Clark
James Lake, Jr.
Herbert C. Stephens, Winchester, N.H.
David Gendron, Chief, Erving, Ma.
Ronald Pluta, Erving
Peter Brulotte, Chief, Bernardston, Ma.
Walter Grover, Bern.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr.
David G. Quinn, Jr.
John D. Ware
David R. Gibson
James Whitcomb
Sanford Edson
Robert Howe
Edward M. Powell, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

David R. Gibson — Term expires May 1984

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

TRUSTEE, FRED W. WELLS WILL

Gordon W. Leavis — Term expires May 1987

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Jeffrey K. Sibley — Term expires Dec. 1984

ASST. CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Floyd M. Dunnell, III — Term expires Dec. 1984

WIRING INSPECTOR

David Laprade — Term expires Dec. 1984

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Gordon E. Derrig — Term expires June 1984

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING AND GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner — Term expires Dec. 1984

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Domenic J. Ferrante
Frank S. Kelley
Jocelyn Baker
Edward Connors, Jr.
Ronald H. Laczynski
Warren E. Whitney
Lillian Deane
William Wardwell
James P. Ryan
Alan Lackard
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr. Paul T. Gorzocoski Fredd M. Fuller

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

Daniel Arsenault — Term expires May 1984

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

1983 - 1984 JURY LIST

Susan J. Barrett
Ralph C. Pratt
Henry T. Noga, Jr.
Patrick M. Jaques
Pamela G. Davis
Leora H. Wallace
William J. McGee
Steven A. Johnson
Jane L. Abbott
Sharon J. Caples
Polly J. Severance
Verna S. Hardaker

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Violet Knapp (resigned) — Term expires April 1984
Edward Fortier (appointed)
Dorothy Persons (resigned) — Term expires April 1985
Ruth Stebbins (appointed)
Adelia C. Chula — Term expires April 1986

ELECTION OFFICERS

Edward Fortier	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Helen M. Greene	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Mychaeline H. Skinner	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Ann P. James	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Helen M. Stearns	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Betty Gibson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Ruth D. Johnson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Agnes R. Wickey	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Mary E. Metcalf	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Rhoda S. Yucavitch	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Joseph Medeiros	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Fernand A. Caron	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Mary Taferner	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Florence A. Thompson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
John F. Ladd	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Gloria Billings	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Eileen Huber	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Adelia C. Chula	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984
Alice Fortier	Term expires Jul/Aug 1984

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Grace Randall	Term expires June, 1985
Christine Harris	Term expires June, 1985
Hazel Kimball	Term expires June, 1984
John Thayer	Term expires June, 1984
Helen Podlenski	Term expires June, 1986
Leonard Barnes (deceased) Wallace Reddy (appointed)	Term expires June, 1986
Rosa S. Johnston, Chairman	Term expires June, 1986

BOARD OF APPEALS,
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS,
and
PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

Edward D. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires Dec. 1986
Raymond Clark	Term expires Dec. 1985
Paul Carpenter	Term expires Dec. 1984
Robert G. Barnes	Term expires Dec. 1987
James Jurek	Term expires Dec. 1988
Stanley Gaida, Assoc. Member	Term expires Dec. 1984
Donald Lippack, " "	Term expires Dec. 1984
Edward Davis, " "	Term expires Dec. 1984

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Paul Gorzocoski, III	Term expires July 1985
August Mello (resigned)	Term expires July 1985
Joanne McGee (appointed)	
Mary L. Field	Term expires July 1985
Joanne Maynard (resigned)	Term expires July 1985
Lenore Gaudet (appointed)	
Rena Finch	Term expires July 1985

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Coutu, Chairman	Term expires May 1984
Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires May 1985
Elizabeth V. Giles	Term expires May 1985
Harold A. Briesmaster	Term expires May 1985
Mary A. Wozniak	Term expires May 1986
Jean Shepard	Term expires May 1984
Roger Chapman	Term expires May 1984

O.C.I.P. COMMITTEE

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman	
Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary	
Rosa S. Johnston	
Grace Randall	
Richard A. Giles	
Horace F. Field	
Martha Peterson	
Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 1986
Barbara A. Mennard	Term expires May 1986

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

Edward M. Powell, Jr., Vice-Chmn.	Term expired April 1982
Reynold N. Henry, Sec'y	Term expired April 1983
Roger S. Chapman, Chmn.	Term expires April 1984

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lewis Wood, Chairman	Term expires Nov. 1984
Virginia Leach, Sec'y (resigned)	Term expires Nov. 1984
Francis Reed (appointed)	
Rev. Francis Kennedy	Term expires Nov. 1984
Annette C. Jordan	Term expires Dec. 1986
Christine Kovalchick	Term expires Dec. 1986
Sophie Servaes, Treas.	Term expires Dec. 1986
Eileen U. Gorzocoski	Term expires Nov. 1985
Helen Greene	Term expires Nov. 1985
Floyd Rusk	Term expires Nov. 1985

NORTHFIELD STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

Incorporated - 1723
Population - 2339 (1980 Census)
Registered Voters - 1673
Square Mile Area - 40.32
Miles of Roads - 67
Residences - 850

Town Hall Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Meetings - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Dickinson Memorial Library Hours:

Tuesday	- 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

'FORT REFUSE' TRANSFER STATION HOURS:
(Corner of Rte. 142 & Old Rte. 10)
Tel: 498-2428

Mon.	8 a.m. - 12 noon
Tues.	Closed
Wed.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs.	12 noon - 6 p.m.
Fri.	Closed
Sat.	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun.	8 a.m. - 12 noon

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY

SENATORS IN CONGRESS:

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)
Hyannis Port, Ma. 02467
2400 A John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, Ma. 02203
Old Senate Office Building, Rm. 431. Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Paul E. Tsongas (D)
80 Mansur St., Lowell, Ma. 02152
2003 F John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, Ma. 02203
Old Senate Office Building, Rm. 437, Washington, D. C. 20510

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS:

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte (R)
49 Blythewood Dr., Pittsfield, Ma. 01201
Federal Building, 78 Center St., Pittsfield, Ma. 01201
650 Dwight St., Holyoke, Ma. 01040
2426 Rayburn Building, Washington, D. C. 20515

MEMBER OF GENERAL COURT:

Sen. Robert D. Wetmore (D), Hubbardston Rd., Barre, Ma. 01005

REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2nd FRANKLIN DISTRICT: (for Northfield)

Rep. William D. Benson (D), 52 Grinnell St., Greenfield, Ma. 01301

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen's office was busy this year, a year of transition and change.

Our new Police Chief, Richard Taferner, is working out very well, professional in every respect. This office, using Revenue Sharing funds provided the department with a new (1983 Ford LTD) police cruiser. We also started a physical exam policy mandating exams for all department personnel.

This policy is not limited only to the Police Department however, it also applies to the Highway and Fire Departments. The Highway Department has completed all physicals, the Police are about half done, and the Fire Dept. is getting underway.

The Highway Department is looking forward to summer hours again (7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., 4-day/week). The crew enjoys a long weekend and the Superintendent "Mike" Gibson likes the advantage in roadwork productivity.

This year as last, we voted a flat tax rate following the recommendation of the Board of Assessors. This allows all classes of property to be taxed at the same rate.

Action is continuing Elderly/Low-Income Housing Project at 88 Main Street. As of the writing of this report, the ground breaking will have taken place March 30th, if all goes well.

Your Board reviewed a request from the Central Vermont Railroad to close two little-used grade crossing in the Farms area. We recommended to the Mass. Department of Public Works that the "Lower Farms crossing" be closed but that the "Pickle Track Crossing" remain open for the use and convenience of the area residences.

Warwick Avenue-Road and Schell Bridge remain in acute disrepair. Every effort is being made to secure funds and authorization to do the needed work. It is our hope that at this time next year we will see substantial progress in both areas.

The proposed Pentecost Road Cemetery is now a reality. The deed, filed in August, allows us to proceed with the layout. Access should be completed some time this summer.

One very important tool of the Selectmen's office is the Administrative Assistant, Rita Farrell. Though we share her with three other towns, she is always ready to accept a new project for us. She has organized the Town Insurance into one bid package which has and will continue to save us thousands of dollars over the years. Current activities include studies for a Regional Health Inspector and Regional Data Processing.

Finally under way is the East Street sewer and drainage project ending several years of on-again, off-again activity.

This office wishes to thank all the Boards and Committees for their unfailing cooperation to this office and to the Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Chadwick T. Glover, Chairman
Robert P. Johnston
Carolyn B. Parenteau
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

With our regular maintenance of graveling and grading of roads, many culverts were replaced and much patching of streets was done.

A section of Winchester Road was excavated and re-graveled to accommodate the new 3 x 4-ft. box culvert which was installed.

Approximately 400 ft. of Beers Plain Road was excavated; new drains, new gravel base and a new intersection to Maple Street was done.

Another 2000 ft. section of So. Mountain Road was graveled, shaped and oiled and stoned.

Five miles of Town roads were cleaned, patched and received a new oil and stone treatment.

Chapter 90-type work:

A section 1400 ft. long on Gulf Road was reconstructed; full drainage system, new gravel base, and a new surface was applied.

With the aid of the work crew from the Warwick Correctional Institution, roadside brush was cut and chipped; they were also helpful in sweeping roads for oiling, and cleaning ditches and culverts in preparation for winter weather.

Along with our winter schedule of snow and ice control, tools and equipment are repaired and painted.

I would like to thank the men of the Northfield Highway Department for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

David (Mike) Gibson

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 1983 the Police Department experienced a large turnover in personnel. Three new officers were appointed, namely, Herbert Stephens, James Lake, Jr., and James Whitcomb. As Chief of Police, my appointment became effective on April 4, 1983.

After a careful review of the various areas of the Department, I have placed emphasis where I felt it was most needed.

The whole record system has been overhauled, simplified and cross-indexed. It now serves as a functional arm of the Department in the prosecution of cases. A new budget system was installed which now reflects accurate accountability in wage and operational expenses. Officers maintain individual activity reports which form the basis for our Police Log. Monthly Unit Training Sessions are held to upgrade proficiency in law and patrol procedures. A Firearms Training Program has been started and will be expanded. Equipment has been upgraded with the purchase of a new and heavier cruiser specifically designed for police work. Old, ineffective radio equipment is gradually being replaced. I have readily sought to improve relationships with the State Police, District Attorney's office, Town Counsel and other local Police Departments. The State Police has provided us with drug enforcement, polygraph and forensic technical assistance. We have provided them with excellent intelli-

gence information resulting in felony arrests in the County. The steady interchange of information adds to our knowledge and growth as a law enforcement agency helping us to better serve our community with competence and professionalism.

1983 STATISTICS

Cruiser mileage logged	29,275
Revenue	$3354.32
Value of property taken	26600.00
Value of property recovered	16305.00
Calls serviced by Crocker Communication	4203

Service Activity	
Alarms	60
Animal Calls	104
Assist Ambulance	17
Assist Fire	23
Assist Other Agency	37
Assist Other P.D.	117
F.I.D. Cards	19
Found Property	8
House Checks	72
Pistol Permits	24
General Service	981
Missing Persons	6
Run Aways	5
Traffic Duty	23

Motor Vehicle Activity	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	52
Disabled Motor Vehicles	65
Motor Vehicle Citations	142
Motor Vehicle Warnings	86
Motor Vehicle Complaints	64
Motor Vehicle Suspicious	92
Motor Vehicle Stolen	3
Motor Vehicle Recovered	1

Police Call	
Annoying Calls	10
Assaults	4
Burglary	9
B & E	6
Illegal Entry	8
Disturbances	
a. Domestic	18
b. Neighbor	7
c. Disorderly Person	9
d. Noise	34
Drug related Calls	2
Larcenies	29
Vandalism	30
Robbery	1
Suspicious Person	25
Criminal Trespass	2
Shots Fired	12
Misc. Complaints	121

Department Activity	
Arrests	17
a. DWI	10
b. Open Container	1
c. Driving to Endanger	1
d. Warrants	4
e. Assaults	1
Court Appearances	81
Summons Served	11
Officer at Public Function	34
Investigations	21
Misc. Activity	684

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Taferner

CHIEF OF POLICE

ANNUAL REPORT of SEWER COMMISSION

During the past year the Sewer Commission accepted the resignation of Jeffrey K. Sibley, and Albert N. Stone was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Repairs at the plant consisted of a rebuilt pump and clarifier. The thermostat for the electric heating system has also been repaired - resulting in a substantial saving of electric current. We have also made a very important addition to our plant equipment in the form of a chlorine detector.

Plans for the long-awaited sewer system for East Street have been finalized; easements have been obtained and the contract has been awarded to Bruschi Bros., Inc. of Ludlow, Mass. Construction is expected to start as soon as the weather conditions permit.

Once again, we will welcome visitors to the plant with a guided tour by our very able plant operator--Bob Miner.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert H. Maynard, Chairman
Albert N. Stone, Clerk
Kenneth L. Miller

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1983. This past year, 51 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of deadwood along some of the streets.

Last spring and fall 25 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground Flagpole, Fire Station, and on stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

TREE WARDEN

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 5 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were no samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my Department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

ANNUAL REPORT of the
NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met on the second Monday of each month and on other occasions as necessary to address particular issues. During the year, Thomas Shearer resigned as a member and Chairman. The Selectmen appointed Mr. Peter Pullen as a Board member for the remainder of the term.

The Board has noted this year an increased demand for residential property in Northfield resulting from an improving economy. Almost 500 acres of farmland has been purchased by developers and divided into smaller lots from two to eight acres in area. In general these were non-working farms and most of the lots are being purchased for a future use; however the result is a definite trend to a residential community rather than agricultural one.

The major problem facing the Planning Board in the future years is how to maintain the essential character of our community while still allowing the landowner to enjoy the benefits of the property he has work long to maintain.

Respectfully submitted,

James Vohr, Chairman
Doris Balk, Secretary
Barry Coppinger
Peter Pullen
Edith Waaser

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT of
NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission holds its regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Information has been continually reviewed during the year concerning herbicide spraying by the Railroads and Northeast Utilities, to insure proper notification to the public as well as the use of approved materials.

In June, the Commission had reviewed plans for the proposed sewer system for East Street, and prompt approval was given to the Board of Sewer Commissioners to proceed with the construction. Also, in a related project in November, approval was given for the drainage construction on East Street.

We are currently reviewing a "Notice of Intent" by Northeast Utilities to riprap a 190-ft. section of the Connecticut River at Munn's Ferry Road.

I would like to thank the Commission members for all their help and support during the year, making it a very prosperous one.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Coutu, Chairman
Raymond J. Parenteau
Elizabeth V. Giles
Harold A. Briesmaster
Mary A. Wozniak
Jeane Shepard
Roger Chapman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT
For the year Jan. 1, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1983

Building Permits issued - 68
Certificate of Inspection Permits issued - 33
Fees Waived - 7
Demolitions - 4

	Estimated Cost	Fees
Certificate of Inspection Permits		$ 1,166.00
New Dwellings (9)	$ 310,948.00	622.50
Additions (17)	83,100.00	448.00
Alterations (12)	39,280.00	257.00
Swimming Pools (1)	10,000.00	25.00
Solar Panels (1)	6,000.00	12.00
Demolitions (4)		40.00
Chimneys (2)	700.00	20.00
Foundations (4)	14,390.00	40.00
Repair or Replace (7)	14,850.00	90.50
Residential Garages (1)	5,000.00	10.00
Barns and Storage Buildings (11)	122,425.00	868.00
	$ 606,693.00	$ 2,433.00

Property & Permit Inspections (106)
Special meetings at Town Hall with State & local officials (6)
Inspections made with State Inspector (3)
Sat. & Wed. office hours (94)
(Wed. - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
(Sat. - 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted

Gordon E. Derrig

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

DOG OFFICER REPORT

Dog Officer's report from May 1, 1983 through December 31, 1983:

Dogs picked up	21
Dogs returned to owners	10
Dogs destroyed or sold	11
Dogs found dead	5
Dog bites reported	5
Cats found; put down or given homes	7

Respectfully submitted

Daniel E. Arsenault

DOG OFFICER

Annual Report of the Trustees

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We are pleased to report another year of progress at the library. Probably the most noticeable improvement has been the redecorating of the rooms on the main floor. This has been accomplished without cost to the Town through use of trust funds. We have received many favorable comments on the much improved appearance. There is more to be done and before long we hope to have new drapes for the windows both here and in the Childrens' Room on the floor below. The Friends of the Library have offered to give us some help with these.

As a result of the very favorable response to the winter reading program initiated last year, we have received a grant to continue the program another year. Frankly, we were very pleasantly surprised at the number of people who turned out for these sessions. The success of the program has not gone unnoticed outside Northfield either, for it has attracted a good deal of favorable attention in this and neighboring states.

We have continued to work closely with the Center School in providing reading materials and library services to the children there. Classes come to the library five days each week through the school year.

A new fire detection and alarm system has been installed with detectors located throughout the building. Currently, triggering the system results in the sounding of an alarm located on the outside of the building, but telephone jacks and lines have been installed so that the system can also alert the Fire Department if other conditions and financing warrant it. We were concerned that this installation might be unsightly, for installation of new wiring in this building presents some real and unusual problems, but the job was very well done and has detracted very little from the appearance of the building.

A utility company energy audit was authorized by the Selectmen this year and was completed in the fall. In general, they found few things which could be done to conserve energy. We are going ahead with such as seem practical at this time. The most immediate implementation will be the installation of storm windows on the few that do not already have them. These are located in the main entrance area where there are stained glass windows and in the basement. We hope to be able to use funds from the state, authorized at a special Town Meeting in December, for this purpose.

The staff, under the very able direction of Barbara Mennard, has done its usual good job under sometimes trying circumstances. We feel fortunate to have such a competent person heading our staff. We were sorry to lose our assistant librarian, Kathy Robie, for she was doing a fine job for us. An opportunity for her to be a head librarian arose and it was too good an opportunity to miss. We wish her well in her new position. Our part-time and volunteer staff have continued to provide the help we need to keep things running smoothly and we are most appreciative of their efforts.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to all of you who have supported us in so many important ways through the year, to our Town officials, Friends of the Library, our patrons and in fact the whole community. We do

appreciate that support and pledge to do our best to keep this library as one of the top libraries in the state in its class.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Giles, Chairman
Lenore Gaudet
Dorothy Hammond
Paul Mayberry
Jon McGowan
Charlene Nagle

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1983 Town Report

This report will be in two parts. The first part will be a thank you, the second part will be statistical. The statistics are just that - numerical accounts of the year's activities. The thank you is heartfelt and, in some cases, long overdue.

The Lioness Club, as they have for the past few years, bought the Library a Classic in large print. The Fortnightly Club sent its annual donation to the 'Friends', out of which they have, over the years, purchased a clock for the children's room and a new coffee-maker. The Burdicks, retiring to Florida, donated a dozen new books to the Library. Charles Coy, Elinor Sheldon, Mary Ann Stebbins, all donated magazines or magazine subscriptions, as have the Balks, Margaret Craig and JoAnn Pullen. Frances Pearson sent dog and cat bookmarks for the children's room and the Greenfield Cooperative Bank presented us with Dickinson Memorial Library bookmarks. I would like to thank them all.

A very special thanks to Grace Browning, Tom Ford, Elizabeth Leyden, Elsie Scott and the Alvan Woods for sharing their flower gardens with us during the past couple of years of spring, summer and fall. It is that kind of sharing that makes Northfield special.

The NEH book discussion program last winter was successful because, not only was enthusiasm and attendance high, but the behind the scene support was terrific, from the Kidders, the Unitarian and Trinitarian Churches, the Center School, the Friends of the Library, Mike Gibson and the Highway Department, to the hours of overtime put in by Kathie Robie. Kathie also did an outstanding job on the Read-A-Rainbow Summer Reading Program for children. My thanks to all of them.

As always the volunteers, the substitutes and the staff - Lillian Mirtz, Ginger Genest, Ruth Ellison, Sue Barrett, Tara Kelleher, Kathie Robie, Carol Swinerton and Joyce and Curtis Shepard did all the little things that kept the library operating efficiently but seemingly effortlessly.

Last but not least, my sincere appreciation to the Trustees for all their support.

Statistics:

Books Added - 853
Books withdrawn - 41
Books borrowed from ILL - 201
Books lent to ILL - 10
Films borrowed - 51
Microfilm borrowed - 2
Records borrowed - 5

New People registered - 148
Number of pages copied - 1426

Attendance:

Adult -	6998
Juvenile -	1946
School -	2214
Total	11,158

Circulation:

Adult Books	- 16,541
Adult Nonbooks	- 1,418
Juvenile Books	- 9,215
Juvenile Nonbooks	- 588
Total	27,762

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Mennard

LIBRARIAN

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S

Report to the Town - 1983

In the past year the members of the Northfield Historical Commission have continued their efforts to identify, record and help preserve the historic assets of this town. In 1983-84, these efforts have been directed in the following areas:

1. Historical Inventories. This is an on-going project in which older structures and monuments are described, photographed and recorded on a special historical inventory form. Copies of completed forms can be viewed by the public in the Dickinson Library or the Town Hall.

2. Cemetery Repair. Working in cooperation with the Northfield Cemetery Commission, we have identified cemeteries and specific monuments that need special attention. Two of these locations are the Coller and South Mountain Cemeteries, neither of which have perpetual care funds to pay for the attention they deserve.

3. Cemetery Census. Volunteers, under our direction, have transcribed over 3000 gravestone records. Copies of the lists of burials with plot-plans for each of our six cemeteries will be available in Dickinson Library, Field Library, the Town Hall and the Historical Society.

4. Technical Assistant. The Commission successfully applied for the services of a part-time Technical Assistant funded by Green Thumb, Inc., a program which pays senior citizens to work with non-profit organizations. Our new Technical Assistant helps with typing, filing and related tasks.

5. Archaeological Resources and Land-Use Planning. The Commission hosted an informational meeting regarding the management of Northfield's archaeological resources. Members of all land-use related town bodies, as well as the public, attended.

6. New Publication. Plans are underway to publish a hand-book consisting of old maps of Northfield, its land divisions, and abstracts of recent historical research.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Johnston, Chairman
Christine Harris, Secretary
Helen Podlenski, Treasurer
Hazel Kimball
Grace Randall
Wallace Reddy
John Thayer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1983 Report of the
O. C. I. P. COMMITTEE
(Obtain, Catalog, Index and Preserve)

During 1983, the Committee held meetings and continued with the microfilming and preservation of the Town Records still under the direction of Andrew Raymond of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, Massachusetts.

Under the O. C. I. P. Committee's direction a publication "Descriptive Guide to Archival Public Records of Northfield, Massachusetts, 1685 - 1982" was completed by Andrew Raymond. This pamphlet is still available from the Town Clerk for $2.00.

In January, 1984, the Committee met and agreed to follow Andy Raymond's and our own recommendations to continue the conservation and preservation of Town Records and that each Town department be responsible for the microfilming of their own documents - from the mid-twentieth century, and that the master microfilms be stored at Iron Mountain, Hudson, New York, with the rest of the Town films.

This year we plan to microfilm Personal Property Mortgages, 1832 - 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary
Horace F. Field
Richard A. Giles
Rosa S. Johnston
Martha C. Peterson
Grace L. Randall
Barbara A. Mennard
Barbara J. Brassor

O. C. I. P. COMMITTEE

COUNCIL on AGING REPORT, 1983

The Northfield Council on Aging has achieved a modicom of success and accomplishment during 1983 in our continuing effort to help serve this town's senior population.

The Council, assisted by local hospital and Town nursing staff, sponsored and organized several valuable community health programs. In July, 35 individual elders participated in an eight-week Stress Management program that helped them learn how to take life easy.

In October the Council sponsored a Health Screening/Cancer Education Workshop which involved 75 elders. This program was funded through the generosity of Mr. Andrew R. St. Hilaire of Mohawk Plastics, Inc.

Dr. George Harris and Northfield Town Nurse, Eileen Gorzocoski conducted the annual flu clinic in October. More than 130 Northfield seniors received the shots.

The Council, together with willing volunteers among the regular Senior Center/Meal Site members, put into operation, on the local level, preparation and packaging of home delivered meals. The hot meals are then picked up and delivered by local volunteer drivers, to home bound North County elders.

Violet Pease, as Senior Aide to the Council, keeps the daily and monthly records and supervises the North County home delivered meals program. She also serves as outreach worker, contacting elders who may not know about the services and programs available to them. Mrs. Pease's position is funded through the Franklin County Home Care Corp.

Attendance at the senior center/meal site and Council on Aging sponsored programs has increased by 20% during the last year. This gives us a significant indication of overall success.

Kathy Hyson continues to serve as Council on Aging director for 15 hours weekly. Her position is funded through a combination of state COA Discretionary Grant monies and Title 3B Social Services budget provided by the Franklin County Home Care Corp.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis H. Wood, Chairman
Annette Jordan
Floyd Rusk
Sophie Servaes
Helen Greene
Rev. Francis Kennedy
Eileen Gorzocoski

COUNCIL on AGING

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The Board of Health continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Additional meetings are scheduled when necessary.

The Board is very pleased to have the assistance of Joseph Alves, the Northfield Health Officer. He was appointed by the Board and has been quite busy assisting us with food, housing and septic inspections.

The brush disposal site on Caldwell Rd. was open every Sat. morning (8 a.m.-12 noon) from spring through late fall. It will open again this spring with the same operating hours.

The Transfer Station on the Davis site off Old Bernardston Rd. is continuing to operate smoothly. The recycling section is still in operation and Northfield residents can bring bundled newspapers, aluminum cans and glass, sorted according to color, to the recycling shed. The annual purchase of stickers by residents has helped to decrease the operating costs of the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is open during the following hours:

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

The Nursing Department has had an exceptionally busy year due mostly to the increased number of home visits. The Northfield/Montague Nursing agreement has been in effect for four years with the Town benefiting from the increased reimbursements it receives.

Two aerial sprayings of the wetlands to destroy larvae and young mosquitoes were done this spring. The Board received many complaints annually regarding the mosquito problem.

The Board would like to thank the following for their assistance: Eileen Gorzocoski, R.N., Town Nurse; Joseph Alves, Health Officer; Danny Arsenault, Animal Inspector; Frederick MacNeill, Plumbing Inspector; John Brickett, Registered Professional Sanitarian; and Shirley Thompson, Secretary.

Respectfullyssubmitted,

Christine Kovalchick, Chairman
Patti-Jean Barnes
John Jurkowski

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen, Bd. of Health and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

Quite an increase in office visits was evident this past year. Private conferences for personal medical, or various other problems are always available to the townspeople by drop-in or appointment.

Free monthly Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be held at the Nurse's office every second Tuesday morning of the month and are always well attended. The townspeople, regardless of age, as well as the Senior Citizens, are most welcome and urged to take advantage of this public service.

I participated at the annual Health Fair held on April 23, 1983 at the Greenfield High School, and again it was a very well attended and successful event.

On Oct. 20th, the Board of Health sponsored its yearly Flu vaccine clinic at the Senior Center. I was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Dale, R.N., and Mrs. Judith Whitaker, R.N. Dr. George Harris of Northfield Mount Hermon School was the physician in attendance, and 93 adults were immunized. I administered the flu vaccine to another 37 people in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 130 doses of vaccine was given.

On Oct. 27th, a Diabetes and Anemia clinic was held at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Farren Memorial Hospital. Educational Cancer pamphlets were also available along with counseling and blood pressure checks as requested by individuals. A total of 50 people attended.

On Nov. 7th, the Annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 39 pints of blood.

At this time, I would like to thank Dr. George Harris, the nurses, my volunteer clerical workers, senior citizens and other townspeople who assisted in making these projects a success.

Report of Visits Made in 1983

Home Visits	760
Office Visits	270
Not Home Visits	13
Total Visits	1043

The amoung of $21,375.25 was turned in to the Town Treasurer by the Nursing Department for the year ending 1983.

The Northfield/Montague Nursing Agreement is in its fourth year of operation and continues to be progressing successfully for both agencies concerned.

To keep abreast of current trends and changes in the health field, I continue to attend Seminars, and In-Service Educational courses sponsored by the Farren Memorial Hospital, Franklin Medical Center, the Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Franklin County, Inc., Montague Nursing Department, Nurse's Collabrative program at Greenfield Community College, and those held in Northampton, Springfield, Amherst and West Springfield, Mass. Several were all day sessions. Others were sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Heart Association and Department of Public Health at University of Mass.

I participated in a Stress Management Program for eight weekly sessions at the Northfield Senior Center, which was sponsored by the Farren Memorial Hospital.

I attended an educational Seminar at Farren Memorial Hospital weekly for four weeks.

Many other in-services were attended such as those on Holistic Health, Skin Cancer, Ostomy Products and other by Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Massage Therapy, Social Service, Etc.

During the year, Professional Advisory Committee meetings and Record Reviews were attended by me at Montague Nursing Department, Farren Memorial Hospital, V.N. & H.S. of Fr. Co., Inc.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Health, Mrs. Joan Hume, R.N., of Greenfield, nurse substitute, Mrs. Felicia Finck and her nursing staff of Montague Nursing Department, Mrs. Ruth Dale, R.N., Professional Advisory Committee, and Shirley Thompson, Secretary, for their continued assistance, cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Annual Report

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission meets on the second Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed.

This past summer the Commission sponsored a playground program, a preschool program, tennis, swimming, movies, archery, and fun-runs.

Playground: The children who attended were given instruction in a wide variety of arts and crafts. They were encouraged to try new and different games and activities, both competitive and non-competitive. There was a field trip to Mystic Seaport and two overnights at Barton Cove.

Pre-School: Ran two days a week; one for 3-year olds and one for four-year olds.

Swimming: Our biggest program, it serviced nearly 150 youngsters on seven different levels. We were able to add an upper level course as we had hoped.

Tennis: We had a beginners , an intermediate, and an adult group. We would especially encourage more adults to take advantage of this program.

Movies: On Sunday nights, were well attended, especially Annie and The Great Muppet Caper.

Archery: Once again, Edith Waaser volunteered her time to offer this program. Her time and effort over the years have been greatly appreciated.

Fun-Run: Wednesday evenings, all summer at the Northfield Mountain Project. Connie Putnam once again ran this program with races for all ages and abilities.

T-Ball: Baseball for those too young for Pee-Wee baseball. Our thanks to Mike and Sharon Schena for running this program.

Two programs currently run year round; aerobics classes three times a year, fall, winter, and spring; and Contradancing at the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. We would encourage residents of all ages to take part in these healthful forms of recreation.

Our plans for a water-based recreation area were snuffed out due to our inability to acquire the land necessary and the drying up of Federal funds for such projects.

We would like to express our appreciation and extend our thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to help our programs succeed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Matteo, Chairman
Judith Flemister
Rhoda Yucavitch
Sharon Schena
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Cornelius Putnam
John Callahan

RECREATION COMMISSION

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT 1983

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during the year 1983. Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant. The Commission has also continued to serve and assist regarding the proposed new cemetery on Pentecost Road. We wish to report the following receipts for 1983:

From Evelyn M. Perkins, 80 W. Main St., Millers Falls, Mass. for Lot #36½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	$ 50.00
Perpetual Care of same	100.00
From Wallace E. & Eleanor B. Stange, 18 North Lane, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #8A in W. Northfield Cemetery.	150.00
From Eugene J. & Florence L. Bruhm, 15 Morgan Ave., Medford, Mass. for Lot #9A in W. Northfield Cemetery.	100.00
Perpetual Care of same	100.00
From Dr. Ernest N. Kirrmann & Winnie S. Kirrmann, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. for Lots #25 & #26 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	100.00
Perpetual Care of same	100.00
From Frank S. Fuller, Fredd M. Fuller & Irene R. Fuller, for Lots #32 & #32A in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	300.00
From the Estate of Florence B. Lyman, First Vermont Bank & Trust Co. for Perpetual Care of Lot #345 in Center Cem.	300.00
From Lynton H. & Carol G. Martin, 24 Quarry Rd., Apt. 22, Waterville, Me. 04901, for Lot #55½ in W. Northfield Cem.	100.00
Perpetual Care of same	100.00

From Calvin A. & Anne E. Harrington, 17 Pratt St., Millers Falls, Mass. 01349 for Lot #47½ in W. Northfield Cemetery. 150.00

Perpetual Care of same 100.00

From Donald H. & Margery J. Newton, Box 151, Ashby, Mass. 01431 for Lots #69 & #70 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery. 100.00

Perpetual Care of same 100.00

From Barbara Sibley, Gulf Rd., Northfield, Mass. for Lot #6A in W. Northfield Cemetery. 100.00

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Bassett
Richard H. Bassett
Horace F. Field

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL REPORT

Last year (1983) was the first year the Northfield Arts Council awarded money to a worthy project. Northfield's allotment was $238.00 from the Mass. Arts Lottery. There were two applications for this money and the Council met and chose Michael Schena to be recipient of the money to be used to produce a written and edited videotape of Northfield's Old Home Days along with area scenes and people of local historical note. This videotape, upon completion, will be owned by the Town and people of Northfield for future reference.

The Arts Council also changed in membership and we have two new members; being Rena Finch and Lenore Gaudet. We thank "Gus" Mello and Joanne Maynard for their work and support on the Arts Council.

We look forward to more new arts project applicants with the new year's allotment to further the local arts of Northfield

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gorzocoski, III
Mary Field
Joanne McGee
Rena Finch
Lenore Gaudet

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Northfield, Mass.

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1983.

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

1.	Active Service	19
2.	Bonus	4
3.	Compensation	182
4.	Death Benefits	536
5.	Discharges	96
6.	Education	29
7.	Employment	194
8.	Finance	383
9.	Housing	50
10.	Insurance	50
11.	Legal	36
12.	Loans	48
13.	Medical	159
14.	Notarizations	19
15.	Pension	524
16.	Photostats	5295
17.	Recordings	4
18.	Selective Service	2
19.	Social Security	45
20.	Taxes	567
21.	Veterans' Benefits	3788

22.	Vital Statistics	204
23.	Unclassified	329
	Total Contacts	12563

The figures listed above represent contacts from all the former Servicemen and women in the various towns in the District.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to three cases during the fiscal year 1983. All three cases were classified as temporary situations. Expenditures for the fiscal year 1983 amounted to $1338.67 and it is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the Town of Northfield in the amount of $669.33 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Gamelin, Director/Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1984

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
(1) To be raised by Taxation	$1,647,378.44	
(2) To be raised from Available Funds	222,930.30	
		$1,870,308.74
School Lunch Program	1,407.00	
Free Public Libraries	1,250.00	
Veterans District Services	5,200.03	
County Retirement Service	39,253.00	
		47,110.03
COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS		
County Tax	73,394.00	
		73,394.00
STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS		
State Recreation Areas	13,524.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	376.00	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	810.00	
Audit Municipal Accounts	1,378.00	
Regional Transit Authority	470.00	
Overlay of Current Year	59,063.08	
Overlay Deficit Prior Year	412.68	
Water Pollution Control	55.00	
		76,088.76
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		$ 2,066,901.53
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		
Cherry Sheet Receipts	320,486.00	
Motor Vehicles & Trailer Excise (est)	62,000.00	
Licenses	3,600.00	
Fines	3,000.00	
General Government	13,000.00	
Health & Sanitation	23,000.00	
Protection of Persons & Property	500.00	
School	900.00	
Classified Forest Land	1,000.00	
Farm, Animal, Machinery Excise	4,490.00	
Interest Income	50,000.00	
Public Service Enterprises (Sewer)	31,000.00	
Boat Excise	500.00	
Overestimates 1982	957.00	
Library	400.00	
		514,833.00
Available Funds and Free Cash		222,930.30
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate		52,500.00
Total Available Funds and Estimated Receipts		790,263.30
TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		$1,276,638.23

FISCAL YEAR 1984 TAX RATE — $16.10 per $1,000 Valuation

	Valuation	Tax
Total Personal Property	$ 7,665,070	$ 123,407.63
Total Real Estate	71,629.230	1,153,230.60
Total P/P and R/E	$79,294,300	$ 1,276,638.23

Approximately each $79,000 appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting represents $1.00 on the Tax Rate.

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	66%	$10.69 per thousand
General Tax Rate	34%	5.41
TOTAL TAX RATE		$16.10 per thousand

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1983

Levy of	1980	1981	1982	1983
Motor Vehicles			$279.86	$3,144.62
Real & Personal Property		$412.68	522.75	570.48
Elderly Exemptions				18,001.68
Veterans Exemptions				4,550.00
Forest & Agricultural Land				4,137.30

Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed	2326
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	$60,118.60
Total Valuation of Motor Vehicles	2,849,156.00

Motor Vehicles Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1983

We, the Board of Assessors, would like to express our thanks to all citizens and town officials for the cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year. Special thanks goes to Shirley Thompson, Selectmen's Secretary, for the many hours spent in typing the valuation book that was issued in 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman F. Fowler, Chairman
Frederick J. Billiel
Warren E. Whitney

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT of the TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes for 1976

Motor Vehicle Excise Committee after 1/1/83		15.95
Paid to Treasurer	15.95	
	15.95	15.95

Taxes for 1977

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		8.25
Committed after 1/1/83		9.90
Paid to Treasurer	18.15	
	18.15	18.15

Taxes for 1978

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		47.30
Paid to Treasurer	47.30	
	47.30	47.30

Taxes for 1979

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		36.30
Committed after 1/1/83		38.30
Paid to Treasurer	74.60	
	74.60	74.60

Taxes for 1980

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		89.10
Committed after 1/1/83		88.28
Paid to Treasurer	177.38	
	177.38	177.38

Taxes for 1981

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		38.29
Committed after 1/1/83		86.49
Paid to Treasurer	124.78	
	124.78	124.78

Taxes for 1982

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		2,731.84
Committed after 1/1/83		1,669.81
Refunds		42.77
Abatements	279.86	
Paid to Treasurer	3,875.38	
Outstanding 12/31/83	289.18	
	4,444.42	4,444.42
Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Outstanding 1/1/83		366.50
Paid to Treasurer	366.50	
	366.50	366.50
Forest Products Levy Committed after 1/1/83		1,307.20
Refunds		1,083.60
Abatements	1,083.60	
Paid to Treasurer	1,307.20	
	2,390.80	2,390.80

Taxes for 1983

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		60,903.12
Refunds		1,238.72
Abatements	3,134.62	
Paid to Treasurer	55,880.92	
Outstanding 12/31/83	3,126.30	
	62,141.84	62,141.84
Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Levy		4,449.00
Paid to Treasurer	3,093.00	
Outstanding 12/31/83	1,356.00	
	4,449.00	4,449.00
Forest Products Tax Levy		1,395.92
Outstanding 12/31/83	1,395.92	
	1,395.92	1,395.92

Taxes for Fiscal Year 1980

Real Estate Taxes Committed after 1/1/83		51.30
Paid to Treasurer	51.30	
	51.30	51.30

Taxes for Fiscal Year 1981

Real Estate Taxes Committed after 1/1/83		55.35
Paid to Treasurer	55.35	
	55.35	55.35

Taxes for Fiscal Year 1983

Boat Excise Levy		488.00
Abatements	10.00	
Paid to Treasurer	478.00	
	488.00	488.00
Personal Property Tax Levy		122,332.02
Refunds		35.43
Abatements	7.99	
Paid to Treasurer	122,324.30	
Outstanding 12/31/83	35.16	
	122,367.45	122,367.45
Real Estate Tax Levy		1,140,526.16
Omitted Assessments		1,315.47
Adjust Committment to Bills		.23
Refunds		9,955.45
Abatements	25,997.05	
Tax Titles Added	1,040.14	
Tax Titles Taken	86.80	
Paid to Treasurer	1,124,496.98	
Outstanding 12/31/83	176.34	
	1,151,797.31	1,151,797.31
Classified Forest Tax Levy		453.67
Abatements	170.82	
Paid to Treasurer	282.85	
	453.67	453.67

Chapter 60, Section 95 Special Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/83		2,331.91
Paid to Treasurer	2,331.91	
	2,331.91	2,331.91

Deferred Taxes

Committed Taxes		788.43
Committed Interest		65.49
Paid to Treasurer	853.92	
	853.92	853.92

Sewer Use Charges

1981 Fiscal Year Charges Outstanding 1/1/83		1,957.73
Paid to Treasurer	89.25	
Added to Fiscal Year 1983 Real Estate Tax Levy	1,868.48	
	1,957.73	1,957.73
1982 Fiscal Year Charges Outstanding 1/1/83		2,066.88
Paid to Treasurer	172.24	
Outstanding 12/31/83	1,894.64	
	2.066.88	2,066.88
1983 Fiscal Year Charges		34,562.36
Abatements	61.49	
Paid to Treasurer	31,426.59	
Outstanding 12/31/83	3,074.28	
	34,562.36	34,562.36

Sewer Entrance Fees

Fees Committed		150.00
Outstanding 12/31/83	150.00	
	150.00	150.00

Sewer Use Charges Added to Real Estate Tax Levy

1981 Fiscal Year Charges Added		1,868.48
Committed Interest Added		480.47
Paid to Treasurer	2,348.95	
	2,348.95	2,348.95

NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT TAXES

Taxes for 1983 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Added to Real Estate Tax Levy		328.50
Committed Interest Added		83.32
Paid to District Treasurer	411.82	
	411.82	411.82

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis

TAX COLLECTOR

Annual Report of the
FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES

The Fred W. Wells Trust adopted a fiscal year 1983-84 budget of $109,753 to benefit residents in the participating towns.

Education grants of $69,700 were awarded to assist 136 area students toward a variety of career goals. The most difficult task of the Trustees has been to divide limited funds among the large number of highly qualified applicants.

The budget included $34,750 for Medical-Health Care. Grants were made to Mohawk Valley Medical Center, Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice Program, The Alcohol Program of Franklin County, Adult Foster Care and Franklin County Mental Health Association.

Mr. Wells, in his will, required the Trustees to award prizes for agricultural accomplishment. This year, $5,303 was awarded through the Franklin County Fair, Heath Fair and Franklin County Technical School.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis

TRUSTEE

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982		$ 699,651.04
Receipts for the year		1,299,039.92
		$1,998,690.96
Payments per warrants		1,940,555.74
Balance June 30, 1983		$ 58,135.22

Shawmut Bank of Franklin County

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 91,271.53	
Deposits in transit	72,277.97	
	163,549.50	
Outstanding checks	156,227.27	
Balance per check book		7,322.23

State Street Bank & Trust Co.

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 70,261.61	
Outstanding check	70,000.00	
Balance per check book		261.61

General Account Investment

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	50,551.38
	$ 58,135.22

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance July 1, 1982	$ 138,804.70
Interest earned	14,631.51
Balance June 30, 1983	$ 153,436.21

Stabilization Fund Investment

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	$ 153,436.21

PAYROLL

Total Payroll Fiscal Year 1983		$ 523,243.38
Deductions		
Federal Withholding Taxes	58,595.87	
Mass. Withholding Taxes	22,998.22	
Franklin County Retirement System	13,442.50	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board	12,076.91	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance	8,399.30	
Savings Bank Life Insurance	202.92	
Teachers' Association Dues	1,808.00	
Federal Credit Union	14,480.00	
Annuities	7,824.52	139,828.24
Net Payroll		$ 383,415.14

TRUST FUNDS

Deposited in Heritage Bank for Savings

Library	Balance 7-1-82	Interest Added	Interest to Treas.	Balance 6-30-83
C. Ina Merriman Fd.	$ 1.329.09	$ 70.63		$ 1,399.72
Belcher Funds	9,739.01		$ 1,192.97	9,739.01
Chas. Dickinson Fd.	3,000.00		367.43	3,000.00
Maude Montague Fd.	2,009.60		246.10	2,009.60
Marina Stanley Fd.	600.00		37.28	600.00
Nfld. Chap. D.A.R. Fd.	100.00		6.23	100.00
Charity				
Starkweather Fd.	$ 17,599.90	1,022.48		18,622.38
George Morgan Fd.	6,745.52	391.89		7,137.41
Elisha Alexander Fd.	5,412.05	314.39		5,726.44
Lottie Evans Fd.	3,071.57	178.43		3,250.00
Roselle Evans Fd.	1,240.13	72.03		1,312.16
School				
Belcher Center School Fd.	3,129.79	181.79		3,311.58
Surplus Revenue Fd.	1,600.00		99.41	1,600.00
Willis Parker - Pres. of Historic Markers				
Balance July 1, 1982	841.92			
Payments per warrants	60.00			
	781.92	42.92		824.84

Center Cemetery Perp. Care	28,512.20	3,948.94	28,512.20
W. Northfield Cem. P.C.			
Balance July 1, 1982	15,880.90		
Daniel R. Wilson	100.00		
Eugene J. & Florence L. Bruhm	100.00		
	16,080.90	2,199.40	16,080.90
Mt. Hermon Cem. P.C.			
Balance July 1, 1982	6,210.25		
William R. & Mary L. Compton	100.00		
	6,310.25	860.09	6,310.25
Nfld. Farms Cem. P.C.			
Balance July 1, 1982	7,924.17		
Geraldine B. Schwenke	100.00		
Lawrence A. & Elizabeth S. Comins	100.00		
Evelyn M. Perkins	100.00		
	8,224.17	1,097.46	8,224.17
So. Mountain Cem. P.C.	157.25	9.74	157.25

Respectfully submitted,

Grace T. Young

TREASURER

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I submit the fiscal year report of the Accounting Department ending June 30, 1983. Included are the sources of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Town on July 1, 1983.

All invoices and payrolls presented were examined for accuracy and legality before being submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Treasurer's cash was verified and found to be correct.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all departments for their cooperation during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	7,583.84	
Recreation	1,109.93	
Fed. Rev. Shar.	932.02	
P.W.E.A. Anti-Recess.	633.45	
Sewer	857.99	11,117.23
Investments:		
General	50,551.38	
Rev. Shar.	141,871.88	192,423.26
Accounts Receivable:		
1983 Real Estate	681,467.74	
1983 P.P. Taxes	55,201.21	736,668.95
1977-82 Taxes in Litig.		2,331.91
1983 Class. Forest		282.85
1983 Boat		35.00
1981 M.V. Excise	2.00	
1982 M.V. Excise	802.20	
1983 M.V. Excise	13,710.09	14,514.29
1981 Sew. Comm. to taxes	1,868.48	
1981 Comm. Int. "	480.47	
1982 Sewer Use	1,980.76	
1983 " "	34,500.87	38,830.58
Tax Titles	8,114.12	
Tax Possessions	1,573.97	9,688.09
Departmental:		
Sewer Use	150.00	
Nursing Dept.	3,626.85	3,776.85
State Aid to Hwys.		77,210.00
State Aid to Pub. Wks. Proj.		247,275.00
Federal Aid to Pub. Wks. Proj.		5,757.00

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Warrants Payable, General	70,610.75	
Recreation	385.00	
Rev. Shar.	1,500.00	72,495.75
Temp. Loan Ant. Fed. Aid. Proj.		5,700.00
Payroll Deductions: Group Insurance		391.06
Dog Licenses Coll. for County		105.00
Tailings, Unclaimed Checks		243.26
Conservation Comm. Gift		10.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Libraries	6,758.52	
P.C. Cemeteries	8,236.04	14,994.56
Federal Grants:		
Title II, School	15.56	
Title III, "	4.76	
Title IVB, "	60.00	
Title IVC, "	2,415.65	
Council on Aging	328.00	2,823.97
Excess Sale, Land of Low Value		130.03
Revolving Funds:		
Recreation	724.93	
School Lunch	1,275.25	2,000.18
Appropriation Balances, 1983		
General	146,742.01	
Rev. Shar.	67,579.41	
P.W.E.A.	633.45	
Sewer	857.99	215,812.86
Appropriations, 1984		
General	1,719,831.51	
Rev. Shar.	51,385.00	1,771,216.51

Fed. With. Taxes	399.55	Loans Authorized & Unissued	569,500.00
Group Health Insurance	51.72	Overestimates, 1983	
Teachers' Retirement	6.01	St. Parks & Reservations 713.11	
County Dog Care	164.00	P.V. Air Poll. Control Bd. 243.77	956.88
Tax Collector's Fees	8.00	Sale of Real Estate	5,569.37
Loans Authorized, Sewer Projects	569,500.00	Sales of Cemetery Lots	4,104.12
Due from Stabilization Fund	9,000.00	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	
Underestimates 1983:		Federal Revenue Sharing	22,339.49
County Tax	1,429.40	Surplus Overlay Reserve	28,573.79
1980 Overlay	412.68	Overlays Reserved for Abatements	
Revenue 1984	1,588,090.82	1983 Overlay	35,192.73
		Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
		Fed. Aid Pub. Wks. Proj. Revenue 57.00	
		State " " " " " 247,275.00	
		Motor Vehicle Excise 14,514.29	
		Boat Excise 35.00	
		Classified Forest 282.85	
		Sewer Use 38,830.58	
		Spec. Taxes, Lit. 2,331.91	
		Tax Titles & Poss. 9,688.09	
		Dept. Revenue 3,776.85	
		State Aid to Highways 77,210.00	394,001.57
		Due to Stabilization Fund	10,000.00
		Surplus Revenue	352,812.06
	$ 3,508,973.19		$ 3,508,973.19

RECAPITULATION

	APPROP.	SPENT	BALANCE
Moderator's Salary	58.00	58.00	---
Moderator's Expense	50.00	15.00	35.00
Selectmen's Salaries	2,614.60	2,614.60	---
Selectmen's Expense	2,357.48	2,357.48	---
Secretary	11,538.00	11,538.00	---
Copy Machine Supplies & Service	1,279.20	1,279.20	---
Accountant's Salary	4,846.00	4,846.00	---
Accountant's Expense	225.00	212.20	12.80
Treasurer's Salary	4,260.00	4,260.00	---
Treasurer's Expense	1,450.00	1,438.94	11.06
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00	---	500.00
Tax Collector's Salary	2,986.00	2,986.00	---
Tax Collector's Expense	2,652.41	2,652.41	---
Assessors' Salaries	2,931.00	2,931.00	---
Assessors' Clerk	3,467.00	3,467.00	---
Revaluation	43,100.00	39,640.00	3,460.00
Assessors' Expense	2,500.00	1,647.03	852.97
Finance Committee Expense	55.00	55.00	---
Town Clerk's Salary	1,831.00	1,831.00	---
Town Clerk's Typewriter	125.00	125.00	---
Town Clerk's Expense	329.26	329.26	---
Town Counsel Fee	3,500.00	3,500.00	---
Litigation	1,000.00	687.50	312.50
Town Legal Expenses	425.00	405.00	20.00
Town Counsel, Bill of Prior Year	425.00	425.00	---
Elections & Registration	2,916.41	2,916.41	---
Planning Board Expenses	170.00	60.36	109.64
Board of Appeals Expense	150.00	120.76	29.24
Town Hall Custodian	4,087.00	4,040.04	46.96
Town Hall Maintenance	10,642.00	8,815.12	1,826.88
Town Hall Main., Bill of Prior Year	160.00	160.00	---
Police Dept. Wages	28,106.42	28,106.42	---
Police Chief Salary	3,006.32	3,006.32	---
Police Chief Holiday Pay	714.00	138.71	575.29
Special Police Wages	950.19	950.19	---
Police Dept. Exp., Bill of Prior Year	54.93	54.93	---
Police Dept. Op. Expenses	11,352.80	11,316.26	36.54
Fire Department Salaries	1,054.00	1,054.00	---
Fire Department Wages	7,704.00	6,343.43	1,360.57
Fire Department Op. Expenses	5,404.99	5,079.84	325.15
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	---
Hose & Equipment	2,500.00	2,472.58	27.42
Water Holes	1,000.00	---	1,000.00
Maintain Fire Station & Garage	6,647.00	5,947.82	699.18
Tree Department Wages	6,152.00	4,945.13	1,206.87
Tree Department Expenses	553.00	110.01	442.99
Insect & Pest Control	383.00	---	383.00
Wire Inspector's Salary	1,284.00	942.00	342.00
Wire Inspector's Expenses	125.00	19.95	105.05
Building Commissioner Salary	4,580.00	4,580.00	---
Building Commissioner Expense	100.00	26.12	73.88
Electrical Work, Town Garage	522.80	222.50	300.30

Interest Earned - General Account

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	$ 39,490.00
Shawmut Bank of Franklin County	2,895.98
	$ 42,385.98

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982		$ 136,761.31
Fiscal Year 1982 allotments		41,708.00
Interest earned		14,542.10
		$ 193,011.41
Payments per warrants		50,207.51
Balance June 30, 1983		$ 142,803.90

Shawmut Bank of Franklin County

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 489.50	
Deposit in transit	1,000.00	
	$ 1,489.50	
Outstanding check	557.48	
Balance per check book		932.02

Federal Revenue Sharing Investment

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	141,871.88
	$ 142,803.90

SEWER PROJECT ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982		$ 20,950.51
Payments per warrants		20,092.52
		$ 857.99

Bank of New England - Franklin County

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 857.99	
Balance per check book		$ 857.99

RECREATION COMMISSION REVOLVING FUND

Balance July 1, 1982		$ 491.96
Receipts for the year		6,005.25
Interest Income		26.54
		$ 6,523.75
Payments per warrants		5,413.82
Balance June 30, 1983		$ 1,109.93

Greenfield Cooperative Bank

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 1,162.43	
Check outstanding	52.50	
Balance per check book		$ 1,109.93

P.W.E.A. - ANTI-RECESSION ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982	$ 633.45
Balance June 30, 1983	$ 633.45

Shawmut Bank of Franklin County

Balance per statement 6/30/83	$ 633.45	
Balance per check book		$ 633.45

Dog Officer Wages	891.00	227.50	663.50
Dog Officer Expenses	805.00	608.94	196.06
Civil Defense	500.00	473.33	26.67
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	1.00	---	1.00
Board of Health Salaries	660.00	660.00	---
Board of Health Expenses	1,200.00	1,105.27	94.73
Board of Health Expenses, Bill of Prior Yr.	188.60	188.50	.10
Nurse & Substitute Wages	19,153.00	18,013.25	1,139.75
Nurse's Expense	926.82	926.82	---
Nurse's Car Expense	1,300.00	665.55	634.45
Nursing Program, Montague	5,000.00	4,731.76	268.24
Homemaker/Home Health Aid	4,000.00	2,745.61	1,254.39
Animal Inspector	525.00	487.50	37.50
Sewer Commission Salaries	660.00	641.66	18.34
Sewer Commission Expenses	67.00	---	67.00
Sewer Department Wages	21,359.00	21,359.00	---
Oper. & Maint. of Sewer Plant	26,198.18	26,198.18	---
Transfer Station, Users' Fee Expense	100.00	47.64	52.36
Transfer Station	24,000.00	23,400.00	600.00
Brush Disposal Attendant Wages	500.00	455.00	45.00
Highway Superintendent Expenses	600.00	575.95	24.05
Highway Department Wages	58,503.61	55,726.64	2,776.97
Snow Removal Wages	10,479.39	10,479.39	---
Snow Removal Expenses	25,431.00	15,312.74	10,118.26
Machinery Maintenance	48,021.23	38,399.28	9,621.95
Highways, Bridges & Railings	47,520.00	42,127.37	5,392.63
Highway Tools	500.00	496.81	3.19
Garage Tools	250.00	196.07	53.93
Chapter 329 Const. Acts of 1980	23,355.83	23,355.83	---
Repair & Resurface Woodruff Way	4,680.00	4,680.00	---
Oil, Stone, Repair Highland Circuit	551.90	551.90	---
Street Lights	32,000.00	27,373.01	4,626.99
Highway Bounds, Surveys, St. Lists	1.00	---	1.00
Soldiers Relief	1,500.00	867.67	632.33
Elem. School Committee Salaries	890.00	890.00	---
Elementary School, F.Y. 1982	14,370.60	14,370.60	---
Elem.Sch., Teach. Salaries, F.Y. 1982	31,166.36	31,166.36	---
Elementary School	404,421.00	362,723.46	9,669.08
Pioneer Valley Regional School	479,303.83	430,321.38	45,982.45
Franklin County Reg. Tech. School	119,339.98	109,042.02	10,297.96
Dickinson Library Wages	21,644.27	21,644.27	---
Dickinson Library Expenses	12,981.05	12,074.57	906.48
Dickinson Lib.,Bill of Prior Year	36.77	36.77	---
Northfield Farms Library	250.00	250.00	---
Recreation Commission Programs	4,619.39	4,619.39	---
Maintain Athletic Field	425.19	425.19	---
Conservation Commission	165.00	68.00	97.00
Fish	255.00	---	255.00
Land Damages	1,250.00	---	1,250.00
Town Caucus Expenses	25.00	---	25.00
West. Mass. Elec. Co. Intervention	200.00	200.00	---
Town Reports	1,276.00	1,276.00	---
Preserve, Index, Microfilm Records, Bill of Prior Year	170.51	170.51	---

Memorial Day	695.00	642.65	52.35
Chapter 32B,Town's Share Group Insur.	31,000.00	27,700.20	3,299.80
Other Insurance	57,474.00	40,723.30	16,750.70
Historical Society Building	170.00	170.00	---
Historical Commission	278.51	278.51	---
Historic District Study Committee	175.00	175.00	---
Alexander Hall	340.00	168.00	172.00
Council on Aging	425.00	421.78	3.22
Ambulance Service	8,000.00	8,000.00	---
Town Clock	128.00	75.00	53.00
Paint and/or Repair Town Clock	500.00	---	500.00
Cemetery Wages & Contractural Services	170.00	153.51	16.49
Cemetery Expenses	170.00	93.00	77.00
Interest	10,000.00	362.03	9,637.97
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			$ 150,991.18
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	19,723.54	276.46
Unexpended Balance to Surplus Overlay Reserve			$ 276.46
Shared Administrative Assistant	5,335.00	4,000.00	1,335.00
Paint Dining Room Floor, Town Hall	550.00	550.00	---
Storm Windows, Town Hall	1,090.00	810.00	280.00
Paint Eaves & Lettering, Town Hall	880.00	880.00	---
Transfer Station	23,000.00	23,000.00	---
Mosquito Spraying	3,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
Repair & Resurface Beers Plain Rd.	1,973.00	1,973.00	---
Repair Payloader	12,500.00	12,465.05	34.95
Repair Steps, Historical Soc.Bldg.	380.00	380.00	---
Paint Interior, Hist. Soc. Bldg.	2,500.00	2,500.00	---
Balances to Fed. Rev. Shar.			$ 2,149.95
Acquire Easements for Sewers	100.00	---	100.00
Legal & Eng.Fees to Acquire Easements	2,020.46	288.00	1,732.46
Infil./Inflow Sew.Sys.Eval.Survey	18,033.12	17,858.30	174.82
Infil. & Inflow Construction	9,000.00	---	9,000.00
East St. Sewer Project	919.07	235.90	683.17
Eng.Serv.,Plans & Specs. within Town	25,025.34	---	25,025.34
East St. Surface Water Drainage	2,000.00	---	2,000.00
Chap. 351 Const., Acts of 1981	29,726.00	17,952.44	11,773.56
Chap. 732 Const., Acts of 1981	35,516.00	---	35,516.00
Chap. 335, Acts of 1982	11,411.00	---	11,411.00
Oil & Stone So. Mtn.Rd., Rte. 63 - 4-Mi.Br.Rd.	2,358.94	---	2,358.94
Survey Boundaries of Certain Town Ways	1,500.00	---	1,500.00
Sidewalks	5,000.00	282.63	4,717.37
Repair & Resurface Beers Plain Rd.	6,027.00	632.40	5,394.60
Elementary School	404,421.00	362,723.46	32,028.46
Preserve, Index, Microfilm Records	1,200.00	515.72	684.28
Police Dept. Camera,etc.	750.00	---	750.00
Police Dept. 12-gauge Shotgun	250.00	---	250.00
Prepare Pentecost Rd. Cemetery Site	2,500.00	---	2,500.00
Unexpended Balance to 1984			$ 147,600.00

Renovate Town Offices & Clerical Asst.	633.45	---	633.45
Unexpended Balance to 1984 (P.W.E.A. Funds)			$ 633.45
Heating Equip.for Amer.Leg.Rm.,Town Hall	850.00	---	850.00
Renovate Town Offices & Clerical Asst.	212.00	---	212.00
Fire Alarm Syst., Town Hall & Library	7,600.00	27.72	7,572.24
Storm Window on Arched Window,Town Hall	165.00	---	165.00
Infil. & Inflow Construction	56,000.00	---	56,000.00
Oil & Stone So. Mtn. Rd., Gulf Rd. - 4-Mi.Br.Rd.	4,901.87	2,121.70	2,780.17
Unexpended Balance to 1984 (Fed. Rev. Shar. Funds)			$ 67,579.41

Investments of General Cash		439,490.00
Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds		56,250.10
Stabilization Fund Interest to Investment Account		14,631.51
Refunds on Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes		6,967.63
Refunds on Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		1,139.58
Refund Overpayment, Nurse's Receipts		367.82
Agencies:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	58,995.42	
State Withholding Taxes	22,998.22	
Group Health Insurance	18,868.86	
Life Insurance	499.00	
County Retirement	13,442.50	
Teachers' Retirement	12,082.92	
Credit Union	14,480.00	
Teachers' Dues	1,808.00	
Highway Annuities	305.00	
Highway Annuities Refunded	375.50	
Dog Licenses Collected for County	513.25	
Tax Collector's Fees	1,334.00	
Police Extra-Duty Pay	681.00	
Meals Tax	25.82	
Police Accident Insurance	148.00	146,557.49
County Dog Care		164.00
Willis Parker Gift		60.00
Trust Funds to Savings Accounts		600.00
Belcher Library Fund Interest		502.08
Chas. Dickinson Library Book Fund Interest		274.00
Perpetual Care, Cemeteries		3,702.15
Recreation Comm. Revolving Fund		5,588.82
School Lunch		18,097.20
Council on Aging Grants		836.47
Title IV C., School		35,218.01
Title IV C., Returned to State		321.71
State & County Assessments:		
State Parks & Reservations	13,252.89	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	381.75	
County Tax	58,632.77	
County Retirement System	36,215.00	
State Audit	469.58	
Pioneer Valley Air Poll.Cont.Bd.	605.56	

Fr. Co. Reg. Trans. Authority	3,739.00		
Veterans' Service Center	5,338.65		118,635.20
Total Payments (Rev. Shar.)		107,957.61	
" " (Sewer)		18,094.20	
" " (General)		2,387,335.48	2,513,387.29
Cash on Hand 6/30/83 (Rev. Shar.)		932.02	
" " " " (Anti-Recess.)		633.45	
" " " " (Sewer)		857.99	
" " " " (General)		8,693.77	11,117.23
			2,524,504.52
Less Warrants Payable (Gen.)		70,995.75	
" " " (Rev. Shar.)		1,500.00	72,495.75
			$ 2,452,008.77

RECEIPTS

Investment of General Cash			$ 1,031,000.00
Investment of Sewer Funds			19,000.00
Investment of Rev. Shar. Funds			51,000.00
Local Taxes:			
1980 Real Estate Taxes			51.30
1981 Real Estate Taxes			55.35
1982 Real Estate Taxes	11,345.39		
1982 Personal Property Taxes	849.30		
1982 Deferred R. E. Taxes	788.43		
1982 " " ",Committed Int.	65.49		13,048.61
1983 Real Estate Taxes	445,671.80		
1983 Personal Property Taxes	67,158.24		512,830.04
1981 Forest Products Tax	808.71		
1982 " " "	1,315.20		2,123.91
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:			
1976 Levy	15.95		
1977 Levy	18.15		
1978 Levy	47.30		
1979 Levy	42.90		
1980 Levy	168.40		
1981 Levy	314.12		
1982 Levy	17,546.85		
1983 Levy	35,525.21		53,678.88
Boat Excise:			
1983 Levy			453.00
Farm Animal Excise:			
1982 Levy			4,552.20

Sewer Use;		
1980 Levy Added to Taxes	79.50	
1980 Committed Interest	15.76	
1981 Levy	195.62	
1982 Levy	29,453.04	29,743.92
County Dog Care		132.00
Tax Titles Redeemed		703.27
State Aid to Highways (Chapter 90)		43,979.00
State Aid to Libraries		1,250.00
Perpetual Care Trust Funds		600.00
Parker Memorial Gift, from Savings Account		60.00
Tailings (Uncashed Checks)		163.09
Trust Funds Income:		
Library	1,850.01	
Cemeteries	8,115.63	9,965.64
Stabilization Fund Income		14,631.51
State & Fed. Grants:		
Title IV C, School	36,463.00	
Council on Aging	428.00	36,891.00
School Lunch:		
Sale of Lunches	10,301.87	
Comm. of Mass.	8,209.66	
Refund	42.30	18,553.83
Recreation Comm. Revolving Fund		6,031.79
Sale of Cemetery Lots		800.00
Road Machinery Earnings		1,901.85
County Dog Fund		220.69
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds:		
Entitlements:	41,708.00	
Interest	14,542.10	56,250.10
Appropriation Refunds		1,048.65
Insurance Claims		1,110.30
Gifts, Historical Commission		108.51
State, Highways, Chapter 335		11,411.00
Agencies:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	58,595.87	
State Withholding Taxes	22,998.22	
Group Insurance	19,077.46	
Life Insurance	532.20	
County Retirement	13,442.50	
Teachers' Retirement	12,076.91	
Credit Union	14,480.00	
Teachers' Dues	1,808.00	
Highway Annuities	635.50	
Dog Licenses Collected for County	618.25	
Police Extra-Duty Pay	681.00	
Tax Collector's Fees	1,158.00	
Police Accident Insurance Claim	148.00	
Meals Tax	25.87	146,277.78
Town Clerk Licenses		193.00
Selectmen's Licenses		710.00
Liquor Licenses		2,330.00
Building Permits		2,791.00
Building Inspections		1,398.50
Wiring Permits		168.00

Plumbing Permits		200.00
Disposal & Septic Per.		59.00
Other Board of Health Lic. & Per.		72.50
Pistol Permits		380.00
F.I.D.		51.00
Other Police Lic. & Pers.		7.00
Reimb. Police Exp. & Wages		31.12
Police Accident Reports		79.20
Bicycle Registrations		1.00
Reimb. Selectmen's Expense		18.43
Reimb. Tax Collector's Expense		96.20
Reimb. Nurse's Expense		122.79
Copier Use		674.82
Board of Appeals		250.00
Nurse's Fees		16,768.17
Dog Officer Fines		225.00
Town Hall Rent		360.00
Sale of School Furniture		894.65
Library Fines & Copies		402.12
Alexander Hall Rent		85.00
Ambulance Service (NMH)		5,000.00
Bus Service (NMH)		2,000.00
Bus Service Return (FRTA)		1,963.62
Tax Title Fees & Interest		30.54
Interest on Taxes		1,426.07
Interest on Investments		42,385.98
Surp. Rev. Sch. Fund Int.		99.41
Sewer Dumping		30.00
Sewer Entrance Fee		150.00
Veterans' Benefits, State		39.25
Return Premiums on Cancelled Insurance		12,078.40
District Court Fines		2,805.00
Admin. Asst. Refund		521.14
Sale of Street Lists		56.00
Sale of By-Laws		2.00
Bd. of Health, Sale of vaccine		5.00
Sale of Transfer Station Stickers		4,440.00
Group Insurance Reimbursement		926.38
Sale of Records Inventories		26.00
Breathalyzer, Gov. Hwy. Safety Program		1,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Chapter 70, School	66,270.00	
Chapter 71, Sch. Transp.	15,470.00	
Chapter 71 B " "	1,757.00	
Chapter 71 A Sec 8 Ch 71B Sec 14 Trans.Sp.Ed.	3,147.00	
Tuition not Home Town	1,270.00	
Lieu of Taxes	19,568.35	
Chemicals W.T.P. Reimb.	54.72	
Taxes Abated	7,302.23	
Local Aid	85,591.00	
Lottery	24,533.00	
Chap. 497 Highway	28,503.00	
Chap. 825 Highway	35,875.00	289,341.30

Total Receipts (Rev. Shar.)	107,250.10	
" " (Sewer)	19,000.00	
" " (General)	2,336,071.71	2,462,321.81
Cash on Hand 7/1/82 (Rev. Shar.)	139.53	
" " " " (Anti-Recess.)	633.45	
" " " " (Sewer)	1,950.51	
" " " " (General)	58,081.62	60,805.11
		$ 2,523,126.92
Less Warrants Payable (Gen.)	69,119.83	
" " " (Sewer)	1,998.32	71,118.15
		$ 2,452,008.77

MODERATOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		50.00
Sound System	15.00	15.00
Balance to Revenue	35.00	50.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,600.00
Reserve Fund		757.48
Supplies	178.82	
Office Machine Service	72.50	
Association Dues	282.00	
Telephone	841.14	
Advertising	311.12	
Meetings & Mileage	325.65	
Law Books	346.25	2,357.48

COPY PAPER, SUPP. & SERVICE

Appropriation		700.00
Reserve Fund		579.20
Paper	184.00	
Supplies	473.70	
Repairs & Service	621.50	1,279.20

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		225.00
Supplies & Type. Repair	89.25	
U. M. School	75.00	
Dues & Meetings	47.95	212.20
Balance to Revenue	12.80	225.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,450.00
Supplies	994.25	
Mileage	86.25	
Office Mach. Service	123.80	
Association Dues	25.00	
Treasurer's Bond	184.00	
Certification of Note	20.00	
Telephone	5.64	1,438.94
Balance to Revenue	11.06	1,450.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,500.00
Reserve Fund		152.41
Supplies & Expense	1,333.34	
U. M. School	35.50	
Association Dues	25.00	
Computer Service	889.00	
Book Binding	84.57	
Collector's Bonds	285.00	2,652.41

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		2,500.00
Supplies	273.62	
Book Binding	161.34	
Registry of Deeds	102.25	
Telephone	103.38	
Meetings & Mileage	196.00	
Computer Service	474.49	
Association Dues	63.00	
Map Service	178.00	
File Cabinet	94.95	1,647.03
Balance to Revenue	852.97	2,500.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		170.00
Reserve Fund		159.26
Supplies	68.76	
Clerk's Bond	30.00	
Association Dues	15.00	
Advertising	55.50	
Office Mach. Service	60.00	
File Cabinet	100.00	329.26

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropration		2,500.00
Reserve Fund		416.41
Registrar Wages	364.50	
Registrar Wages, Street Lists (2 yrs.)	900.00	
Election Officials Wages	1,245.94	
Ballots	281.40	
Other Supplies	124.57	2,916.41

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES

Appropriation		170.00
Association Dues	40.00	
Advertising	20.36	60.36
Balance to Revenue	109.64	170.00

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES

Appropriation		150.00
Advertising	96.94	
Supplies	23.82	120.76
Balance to Revenue	29.24	150.00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		10,642.00
Electricity	2,062.75	
Fuel	4,545.21	
Water	116.09	
Supplies	885.52	
Advertising	25.90	
Building Repairs & Maint.	1,179.65	8,815.12
Balance to Revenue	1,826.88	10,642.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		8,612.00
Insurance Claim		274.80
Reserve Fund		2,466.00
Gasoline	3,211.61	
Other Cruiser Expense	1,780.46	
Car Rental	32.30	
Gas Pump Meter	259.83	
Mileage	73.20	
Advertising	29.60	
Repair Flasher on Rte. 10 & 63	274.80	
Dry Cleaning	15.75	
Radio, Radar Repair	1,113.73	
Telephone	1,095.29	
Answering Service	1,965.00	
Uniforms	972.03	
Supplies	492.66	11,316.26
Balance to Revenue	36.54	11,352.80

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropration		5,350.00
Refund		54.99
Telephones & Remotes	1,469.55	
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	1,029.30	
Membership Fees	82.50	
Repair Radios	1,047.77	
Supplies & Repairs	1,450.72	5,079.84
Balance to Revenue	325.15	5,404.99

MAINTENANCE FIRE STATION & GARAGE

Appropriation		6,647.00
Electricity	2,603.70	
Fuel	2,634.08	
Water	133.49	
Wages, Custodial	39.00	
Repair Burner	165.50	
Supplies & Repairs	372.05	5,947.82
Balance to Revenue	699.18	6,647.00

DOG OFFICER EXPENSE

Appropriation		305.00
Surplus Rev.		500.00
Cages	374.07	
Supplies	140.07	
Mileage	10.05	
Advertisement	33.75	
Wages	26.00	
Kennel License	25.00	608.94
Balance to Revenue	196.06	805.00

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES

Appropriation		1,200.00
Telephone	37.51	
Clinic Wages	42.00	
Health Inspector	310.00	
Plumbing Inspector	62.00	
Advertising	99.62	
Securing Condemned Property	483.71	
Supplies, Office	6.43	
Vital Statistics	64.00	1,105.27
Balance to Revenue	97.73	1,200.00

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropration		860.00
Reserve Fund		66.82
Telephone	401.68	
Office Supplies	131.65	
Nurse's Supplies	135.36	
Insurance & Physical	202.68	
Mileage, Subst. Nurse	15.45	
Educational Workshops	40.00	926.82

NURSE'S CAR EXPENSE

Appropration		1,300.00
Gasoline	419.37	
Highway Dept. Wages	30.18	
Other	216.00	665.55
Balance to Revenue	634.45	1,300.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWER PLANT

Appropriation		12,304.00
Reserve Fund		13,884.18
Refund		10.00
Water	181.30	
Railroad	300.00	
Parker Ave. Sewer Rental	344.48	
Telephone	297.45	
Electricity	6,991.03	
Mileage	38.70	
Engineering Services	1,380.70	
Advertising	58.85	
Supplies & Repairs	16,605.67	26,198.18

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EXPENSE

Appropriation		600.00
Telephone	438.18	
File Cabinet	15.00	
Supplies	123.77	575.95
Balance to Revenue	24.05	600.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WAGES

Appropriation		46,891.00
From Snow Removal Wages		11,612.61
Sick	1,451.77	
Holidays	2,651.74	
Vacations	2,902.40	
Hwys., Bridges, Railings	44,110.36	
Machinery Maintenance	4,448.37	
Clerical	162.00	55,726.64
Balance to Revenue	2,776.97	58,503.61

SNOW REMOVAL WAGES

Appropriation		22,092.00
Regular	5,696.33	
Overtime	4,783.06	
To Hwy. Dept. Wages	11,612.61	22,092.00

SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSES

Appropriation		25,431.00
Salt	7,575.84	
Sand	7,042.56	
Hired Equipment	330.00	
Sidewalks	325.00	
Advertising	39.34	15,312.74
Balance to Revenue	10,118.26	25,431.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		45,646.00
Mach. Earnings		2,353.00
From Nurse's Car		22.23
Gasoline	8,109.18	
Diesel Fuel	6,730.57	
Repairs & Supplies	23,559.53	38,399.28
Balance to Revenue	9,621.95	48,021.95

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		47,520.00
Advertising	68.78	
Hired Equipment	11,769.50	
Material	30,289.09	42,127.37
Balance to Revenue	5,392.63	47,520.00

CHAPTER 329 CONSTRUCTION

Balance		23,355.83
Wages	4,399.35	
Town Machinery	965.50	
Hired Machinery	5,480.00	
Material	12,510.98	23,355.83

CHAPTER 351 CONSTRUCTION

Balance		26,079.00
Surplus Revenue		3,647.00
Wages	3,337.25	
Town Machinery	936.35	
Hired Machinery	3,840.00	
Material	9,838.84	17,952.44
Balance to 1984	11,773.56	29,726.00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Appropriation		404,421.00
Refund		512.66
Teachers' Salaries	164,609.19	
Superintendent's Salary	10,006.08	
Admin. Asst. Salary	3,960.00	
Clerks	9,155.19	
Custodians	18,081.12	
Travel	1,221.48	
Nurse	2,772.00	
Health Aide	175.00	
Physician	500.00	
Transportation	28,197.78	
Textbooks	2,074.53	
Library Supplies/Books	2,028.49	
Visual Aids	1,506.06	
Testing Services	674.90	
Sundry Education	767.50	
Course Reimbursement	746.20	

ELEM. SCHOOL (cont.)

Special Needs	41,734.96	
Student Supplies	7,580.90	
Principal's Office Supplies	165.00	
Janitor's Supplies	1,071.95	
Fuel	14,758.39	
Telephone	657.29	
Water	497.00	
Electricity	8,711.83	
Repairs & Maintenance	21,022.22	
Replace Equipment	3,221.16	
Special Projects	2,780.54	
Supt's. Professional Dues	111.40	
Newspaper Advertising	414.06	
Health Supplies	102.92	
Supt's. Office Expense	5,166.82	
New Equipment	7,469.36	
Census Enumerator	300.00	
School Lunch	994.80	363,236.12
Teachers' Salaries to 1984	32,028.46	
Balance to Revenue	9,669.08	404,933.66

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Balance from 1982		45,536.96
Teachers' Salaries	31,166.36	
Special Projects	14,370.60	45,536.96

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		11,617.00
County Dog Fund		114.05
State Aid		1,250.00
Electricity	1,355.29	
Telephone	223.76	
Fuel	2,581.35	
Water	86.00	
Building Supp. & Repairs	303.09	
Paper & Magazines	544.86	
Books	6,077.54	
Mileage	82.65	
Library Supplies	720.03	
Field Library	100.00	12,074.57
Balance to Revenue	906.48	12,981.05

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		3,734.96
Interest Added		1,192.97
Fuel Tank	502.08	502.08
Balance to 1984	4,425.85	4,927.93

CHARLES DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		699.84
Interest Added		367.43
Books	274.00	274.00
Balance to 1984		793.27

MAUDE MONTAGUE LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance	1,175.93
Interest Added	246.10
Balance to 1984	1,422.03

MARINA STANLEY LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance	25.08
Interest Added	37.28
Balance to 1984	62.36

D.A.R. LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance	48.78
Interest Added	6.23
Balance to 1984	55.01

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		4,607.000
Reserve Fund		12.39
Playground Wages	2,982.49	
Playground Supplies	384.65	
Tennis Wages	330.00	
Swimming Wages	648.00	
Fitness Program	200.00	
Dance, Police Wages	74.25	4,619.00

RECREATION COMMISSION REVOLVING FUND

Balance			281.96
Receipts:	Contradances		4,743.00
	Playground & Swim Program		957.25
	Fitness Program		305.00
	Interest on Bank Account		26.54
Expenses:	Contradances	4,515.00	
	Playground	528.20	
	Archery	30.00	
	Swimming	412.35	
	Fitness	80.60	
	Tennis	11.40	
	Other	11.27	5,588.82
Balance to 1984			724.93

MAINTENANCE OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation		425.00
Reserve Fund		.19
Wages	366.14	
Gasoline & Oil	59.05	425.19

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		165.00
Dues	65.00	
Other	3.00	68.00
Balance to Revenue	97.00	165.00

TOWN RECORDS COMMITTEE

Appropriation		1,200.00
Telephone	28.81	
Descriptive Guides	341.55	
Supplies	25.36	
Mileage, Archivist	120.00	515.72
Balance to 1984		684.28

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		695.00
Flags	280.15	
Flowers	325.00	
Wreath	37.50	642.65
Balance to Revenue	52.35	695.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation		57,474.00
Unemployment Insurance	6,441.45	
Workmen's Compensation	10,995.00	
Multi-Peril	11,222.00	
Vehicles	9,273.85	
Pub. Officials' Liability	1,000.00	
Boiler & Machinery	430.00	
Police & Fire Accident	1,361.00	40,723.30
Balance to Revenue	16,750.70	57,474.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		425.00
Expenses, Director	39.45	
Supplies	57.33	
Dues	25.00	
Stress Program	300.00	421.78
Balance to Revenue	3.22	425.00

CEMETERY EXPENSES

Appropriation		170.00
C. V. Railroad	50.00	
Water	43.00	93.00
Balance to Revenue	77.00	170.00

CEMETERY WAGES & CONTRACTURAL SERVICES

Appropriation		170.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
So. Mountain Cemetery	78.51	153.51
Balance to Revenue	16.49	170.00

P. C. NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

Balance		571.77
Interest Added		1,097.46
Contractural Services	341.61	
Other	54.35	395.96
Balance to 1984	1,273.27	1,669.23

P. C. WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Balance		- 122.04
Interest Added		2,199.40
Wages	1,260.60	
Expense	51.60	1,312.20
Balance to 1984	765.16	2,077.36

P. C. CENTER CEMETERY

Balance		2,760.81
Interest Added		3,948.94
Contract. Services	1,593.51	
Water	43.00	
Other	141.58	1,778.09
Balance to 1984	4,931.66	6,709.75

P. C. MT. HERMON CEMETERY

Balance		610.36
Interest Added		860.09
Contract. Services	188.75	
Other	27.15	215.90
Balance to 1984	1,254.55	1,470.45

P. C. SO. MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Balance		1.66
Interest Added		9.74
Balance to 1984		11.40

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
In Custody of Treasurer	$ 301,647.12	Lottie Evans Charity Fund	$ 3,250.00
		George F. Morgan " "	7,137.41
		Roselle Evans " "	1,312.16
		Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
		Belcher Center School Fund	3,311.58
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Chas. Dickinson Lib. Book Fund	3,000.00
		Ina Merriman Library Fund	1,399.72
		Maude M. Montague " "	2,009.60
		D.A.R Book Fund	100.00
		Marina Stanley Book Fund	600.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,992.68
		Mary Callendar " "	786.08
		James Cowles " "	3,145.67
		Calvin Stearns " "	786.08
		Edward D. Priest " "	11,470.44
		West Northfield " "	4,456.07
		Northfield Farms " "	8,224.17
		So. Mountain " "	157.25
		Mt. Hermon " "	5,524.17
		Center " "	21,279.70
		Stabilization Fund	153,436.21
		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	5,726.44
		Starkweather Charity Fund	18,622.38
		Flora Lane, Center Cem.	308.07
		Lucretia Holton, W. Nfld. Cem.	154.39
		Willis Parker, Historic Markers	824.84
		Martha Alexander Fund	30,293.00
			$ 301,647.12

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - 1983

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Lauren Byrom, Chairperson	Term expires 1984
Mrs. Mary Llewelyn	Term expires 1985
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Term expires 1986
Ms. Joanne Gardner	Term expires 1985
Mr. Michael DiBari	Term expires 1984

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A.

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Michele Curtis
Mrs. Eleanor Rafuse

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
School Vacations - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

David Funkhouser, M. A.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

George Harris, Jr., M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Pollyanna B. Davis, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Open Sept. 1, 1983	Close Nov. 24, 1983
School Open Nov. 28, 1983	Close Dec. 23, 1983
School Open Jan. 3, 1984	Close Feb. 17, 1984
School Open Feb. 27, 1984	Close Apr. 13, 1984
School Open Apr. 23, 1984	*Close June 19, 1984

*Subject to State Requirements

To the School Committee and the Citizen's of Northfield:

The Northfield Elementary School opened its September, 1983, doors to 180 students, a slight increase from the prior year yet a visible decline from past years, as measured by 325 in 1967. Most significant was a rise in entering kindergarten numbers over recent four year figures -- a total more reminiscent of the 70's, and one that resulted in two morning kindergarten sessions, school year 1983-84. Efforts by the Committee and staff have reflected consolidation of prior year review, evaluation, and survey finding, ranging from Project Explore to cafeteria operations.

Northfield Elementary School by its relative size within School Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School District often invites and houses shared programs, enrichment activities, text selection, and inservice program format, activities much in evidence this past year. At this writing the Committee and administration face on-site decisions presented by shifting assignment levels within a modest enrollment, decisions bounded by stringent economic factors, changing demands of society, and a diversified constituency; one that is also shared with the many funding needs existing within the town. Northfield's support of education, at all levels, has been traditional, and its natural leadership position within our (4) town system is a vital component of our educational future.

As we move to a larger educational arena, we find that the spotlight on education has never been brighter, fueled by countless reports and assessments which in themselves generate rebuttal, design for change, and blueprint for upgrading the state of education in this nation. Although the glare may produce tension, anxiety, and defensiveness; it also produced investigative study and deliberation--in short, it has placed education on the agenda of politicians, educators, statesmen, and the general public alike. We in education need to welcome such attention, remain open to discussion and forum, and willing to assess our role, current status and future plan. We need to do this in the context of societal claims, student needs and economic change, and to do it in an era of transition that is taking place in the home, school, and workplace.

Historically, public schools were to be secular and dedicated to the training of loyal citizens. The 'common school' was conceived as a device for welding a diversity of people into a single nation. Public education was so successful that Americans began to look to education as the solution to immediate and long-term social problems. The public school has been an active instrument for social change in the past 30 years, yet in hindsight, it seems unreasonable for the public to expect, and for the school to promise, to solve all problems against a backdrop of changing social values, single parent homes, drugs, teenage pregnancy, abortion, student rights, and television serving as the centerpiece of many homes.

At the same time, negotiated salaries, state, and federal mandates began to impact on school budgets, declining enrollment became fact, and critics begin questioning outcome and expenditure. The opinion polls were echoed in coffee shops, across board meeting and conference table--the public was losing confidence in public schools.

The schools, in the midst of all this confusion, are asked to be the center of more traditional values and to return to a kind of education parents experienced. The conflicting economic and social pressures make it impossible for the school to relieve the frustrations borne by such events. Confusion abounds, technology soars, and people seem not to know what to do or

where to turn for help. Most people, however, are sure about one thing, that the schools need to get back to the basics.

The phrase "Get Back to the Basics" has many meanings, from the fundamental position of the 3 R's, to broader definition resembling a liberal arts education. Given this background of confusion, international tension, fear of nuclear holocaust, and technological change, is it any wonder that the schools, along with other institutions, are the target of attack and are being asked to be more traditional? Easy solutions cannot be found for complex problems and learning is a complex problem.

Part of the promise of the schools - to provide universal education - has been fulfilled. Fewer students drop out of school today than ten years ago and people today have completed more years of schooling. Illiteracy has steadily declined in this century. Public schools have also expanded their offerings and services by providing programs for exceptional children, expanded health services, vocational training, career guidance, food services, adult and community education. Those who were historically underserved, blacks, hispanics, and the handicapped, are being brought into the educational mainstream.

This expansion has been in response to, and has been a reason for increased state and federal mandates and incentives. Today, however, there is a feeling that this investment has not provided what really counts, the high levels of academic achievement as determined by commercial tests. The results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the decline in SAT scores, and the results of basic skills testing have provided critics with what they consider as ample evidence to document their charges. Educators have been slow to react and respond to critics--we need a game plan. We need to acknowledge that many programs have been added to a school day and year that has remained basically unchanged. We, as educators, failed to tell the public that not all demands could be met without change in form, focus, and curriculum. The public, not being told, and educators not requesting change to meet expectation, fell back on old recipes - hence a 'back to basics' cry emerged. We now need to assess whether back to basics responds to and answers the question and needs of our changing society.

While the response in Massachusetts was focused upon reading, writing, mathematics, listening, and speaking, this has not satisfied what is really needed. The Massachusetts response to the negative perceptions about education seemed to be more of a political response to the dilemma, rather than an educational assessment of the total problem. Both subject matter, content, and the process of education will need to be readdressed and redirected if the credibility public schools seek is to be realized.

It is often easier to identify problems than to solve them, yet schools need to recognize and deal with:

*the demand of public and private employers on schools to produce higher levels of literacy and more mature behavor in high school graduates;

*the development of student integrity, work ethic, respect for law and the rights of others;

*to control costs and provide a financial efficiency and effectiveness in education;

*to provide access and equity in education for a growing minority constituency.

There are many other claims but these constitute a homily, yet basic agenda. The pressures on efficiency will continue to grow, cost savings on things and the larger costs of people will raise debate on differentiated pay, redefined roles, and structuring of organizational patterns. Minorities, constituting more than 50 percent of school enrollment in the year 2000, will demand fair treatment in the nation's schools.

Student needs also demand a high priority, summarily they include:

*an increasing need and capacity to meet new situations, solve unexpected problems and deal with unforeseen circumstances growing from new technology and accompanying change in institutions and organizations serving students;

*being served by schools with a concern for the quality of student life while in school - a rethinking of the schools role as a humane institution responsible for the processes of maturing and intellectual growth;

*recognition that education is stimulated outside the school by television, home computers, part-time jobs, and special family experiences, and (they) will seek recognition of these out-of-school achievements.

The re-thinking of curriculum, the retooling and modification in teaching methods, the increasing introduction of the computer, a new emphasis in science, math, the humanities, and social sciences, will be predicated on the fact that technological change is so rapid, that training for a present vocation likely to be obsolete, can be served by emphasizing fundamentals, and letting the workplace extend skills developed at school in students adaptable to change and capable of solving problems within the field of change.

While schools need open and honest self-examination of climate, they need not be bombarded by media attention to perceived shortcomings, nor blamed for national dilemma not always in fact, at local or area levels. Although careful not to evoke a 'not me' syndrome, it is important to note that public schools are still the great equalizers. Political realities notwithstanding, it is still possible for a student from the poorest of families to rise up through the public school system and achieve personal intellectual satisfaction and accomplishment, as well as rise to the top of the socio-economic ladder. There is no other institution that translates the American values of hard work and the intrinsic worth of the individual into hard realities and opportunities. Education preserves traditions, especially during times of rapid change and innovation. Our current society is probably changing faster than at any time in the past. It is the school that acts as a stabilizing force amid all "future shocks" and confusing realities. Public education, despite the complexity of current problems, is still the underpinning institution of a free American society.

Returning to specific events and happenings within our system schools, we become aware of the following:

Basic Skills Improvement: We are in our fourth year of competency testing in regulated areas of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Listening, grades 3, 6, 8, and 9. Our results continue to be excellent at the elementary level, progressively competitive at the secondary level, and exceed state reported medians. At the state level, a proposal has been introduced to mandate statewide standards, test instruments and published performance. Attached to this

proposal are financial incentives for systems exceeding such levels and for those in need of remedial support to reach prescribed standards. Companion state curriculum proposals, especially at the high school level, are much a part of the political, financial, educational atmosphere and at least a year from any compromise implementation. In the interim, described testing will continue, we will disseminate local results and confer with parent, effect signaled remediation and fulfill our report mandate, as before.

Pre-Kindergarten Developmental Program - Screening Process: We have completed five years of developmental screening of entering students, supported by a September 1 age policy. We have also completed three years of a successfully funded and implemented Pre-Kindergarten program under Title IVC. Less visible, but of lingering value, are the by-products of a K-3 Developmental Curriculum, staff in-service, research and publication, and an increased awareness of child growth and development. Our new kindergarten report card displays such awareness and the project will leave an indelible mark on future screening process. We, as a small rural system, bask in area and state recognitition and feel badly that financial restriction must terminate our program, at least for the immediate future. Parents may feel secure that proven features of our involvement with many field professionals will continue in on-site program characteristics and strategies.

Advanced Programs: Project Explore, in its fifth year at Northfield Elementary School, and fourth at Bernardston Elementary School, has served well over one hundred students, inclusive of tuition members from system towns of Leyden and Warwick. At the secondary level, Creative Enrichment Program, a modification of TAG, continues in its fourth year of operation. Both programs have been reviewed, display some modified criteria and format, and continue to serve referred and screened students, grades 4-12, whose creative and academic capacities deserve challenge and expansion. Our low cost program profile responds to the needs of our small community student population and remains receptive to assessment and modification, deemed necessary.

Enrollment - Resource - Staff Alignment: System-wide, 1983-84 enrollment remained comparative to levels of the past (3) years, although entering kindergarten displayed the first resurgence of a predicted return to numbers of the late 70's. A projection of future student population reveals steady, modest growth at the elementary level coupled with steady decrease at grades 7-12, through 1990, as a small grade total works its way through the student population profile. As a system of (4) towns, we continue to feel the lingering effects of a limited birth rate, transfer to private and alternative schools, on-going operation of the Franklin County Technical School (1976) and the alignment of Gill with the Gill-Montague Regional District (1981). We are also appreciative of students who have returned from alternative school settings to the public schools after a 1-2 year hiatus. Realistically, we will remain at current student totals through 1990, although there will be movement from the secondary to the elementary within our system population. Individual system schools will need to respond to shifting assignment needs within respective buildings and to tailor staff, building, and program to restricted financial resources in a rapidly changing world--one that will impact on the educational setting in the immediate future. Three years of stringent financial actional has been offset by a resourceful committment of staff and community, yet for some, Fiscal Year 1985 will require difficult Committee and Administrative decision as the cumulative effects of delayed maintenance and replacement become obvious.

Most citizens are aware that recent school years witnessed reduction of staff, merging of position, space reduction, and increased assignment responsibility. Schools are not immune to fluctuating federal and state support nor do our service functions, transportation, and lunch programs escape scrutiny and responsive action during these restrictive times. At this writing, a number of legislative proposals effecting educational support rest in committee, the ultimate financial compromise as yet unknown.

One counter effect has emerged--energy (fuel) consumption has steadily decreased in volume and cost and is a direct result of cumulative efforts that include insulation, storm windows, weather stripping, computer monitoring system (PV), and a staff consciousness that has released energy dollars to educational areas. Surprisingly, fuel costs are at or lower than electrical budgets in some of our member schools. We now need to look closely at either reduced utilization of school buildings and or multiple public use, the latter potentially beneficial to total town fiscal expenditure levels.

Technological Future: We are not insulated to the impact of computers on our society, its schools or places of work and have responded via grant funds and limited budget monies to provide some (14) computers at Pioneer Valley, (4) at Northfield, (2) at Bernardston, and one each in Warwick and Leyden. They are utilized in the computer laboratory, media center guidance area, business department and in classroom centers at the elementary schools. Staff in-service and workshops on-site has promoted attendance at area courses and our student participation will expand as we grow in expertise and software capability. As critical as student computer leteracy has become in our changing society, we remain alert to a need for balanced curriculum.

Secondary Issues: Pioneer Valley Regional has completed a year of self evaluation followed by a visiting accrediation process; the positive results and recommendations to be reflected in a follow-up report, September 1984. This year the master schedule, an ever present specter in secondary schools, displayed an eight day cycle, inclusive of periodic activity periods in an effort to provide maximum course flexibility and student participation. Our athletic program has gained stature and recognition on a number of activity levels and has a resultant positive effect on student morale, self worth, and school pride.

Future Concerns: We are beginning to see the visible edge of a predicted teacher shortage, especially in math, science, computer background, and the special certification areas required within our special needs assignments. Historically, smaller systems, geographically removed from population centers, and not highly competitive of salary, are the first to witness such change. On a larger scale, we know that fewer students are being enticed into the teaching profession for obvious, known, and much discussed reason.

A second area will appear in greater magnitude at the secondary level as a smaller, projected student population pose course and class enrollment concerns in the immediate years ahead. The size and scope of course offerings and curriculum boundaries will require support of modest enrollment levels if we are to provide a viable education program to member students.

Financially we have delayed serious Proposition 2½ impact during its initial (3) year reign--we now face decisions that follow exhaustive alternative action and will be pressed to meet the demands of numerous constituencies existing within the total population of member town. Cooperative planning, sharing, and educated utilization of reimbursement revenue by responsible parties aware of short and long range needs of our educational program, is imperative.

In summary we continue to feel supported by volunteers, parents, staff, and system communities in our educational effort. We are sobered by the existing realities of our time and concerned by the pending implication of a rapidly changing society. The public school, with its long-standing tradition, stability, and potential for meeting the challenge of change will test your support and your willingness to meet the needs of our youth.

For the Committee,

Edwin F. Harrington

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1983 (K-6)

	Expended 1/1-6/30/83	Approp. 83 - 84	Expended 7/1-12/31/83	Budget 84 - 85
1000 Administration	$ 10,781.24	$ 19,994.00	$ 9,814.47	$ 23,236.00
2000 Instruction	162,178.28	254,679.00	88,016.24	264,974.00
3000 Other Services	23,833.43	41,387.00	17,323.43	45,867.00
4000 Operation & Maint.	54,215.91	71,275.00	15,561.79	66,368.00
5000 Fixed Charges	3,880.90	4,769.00	1,091.10	8,490.00
7000 Acquisition of Equip.	7,430.38	631.00	56.26	1,031.00
9000 Programs w/other Schls.	5,421.25	15,650.00	7,475.04	16,440.00
Totals	$ 267,741.39	$ 408,385.00	$ 139,338.33	$ 426,406.00

NET COST OF EDUCATION - 1983 (K-12, incl. Voc.)

Expenditures - Elementary School		$ 407,079.72	
Expenditures - PVRS (Northfield Share - 47.24%)		620,707.61	
Expenditures - FCVT (Northfield Share)		99,440.48	
			$ 1,127,227.81
Reimbursements:			
School Aid, Chap. 70, 71, 74 & 75	$ 64,226.00		
Transportation	21,688.00		
		$ 85,914.00	
Reimbursement paid PVRS	$ 133,008.00		
Reimbursement paid FCVT	10,735.93		
		$ 143,743.93	$ 229,657.93
Net Cost to School			$ 897,569.88

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST (K-12 incl. Voc.)

Year	Total Cost	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost Per Pupil
1973	618,182.19	124,892.64	20.2	493,289.55	607	812.67
1974	646,524.03	169,867.49	26.3	476,656.54	612	778.85
1975	723,709.56	126,232.01	17.4	597,477.55	598	999.12
1976	819,249.86	286,016.24	34.9	533,233.62	498	962.52
1977	904,543.93	226,489.11	25.0	678,054.82	517	1,311.52
1978	991,841.14	195,982.39	19.8	795,858.75	475	1,675.49
1979	974,867.62	193,256.56	19.8	781,611.06	434	1,800.95
1980	1,003,391.98	213,532.50	21.3	789,859.48	422	1,871.70
1981	1,030,497.66	209,686.87	20.3	820,810.79	405	2,026.69
1982	1,065,849.37	235,770.91	22.1	830,078.46	391	2,122.96
1983	1,127,227.81	229,657.93	20.4	897,569.88	385	2,331.35

NORTHFIELD
ENROLLMENT REPORT
October 1983

	Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
Elementary:	k	19	13	32
	1	10	11	21
	2	16	11	27
	3	10	7	17
	4	9	12	21
	5	15	12	27
	6	17	18	35
		96	84	180
PVRS:	7	13	25	38
	8	16	17	33
	9	11	16	27
	10	12	17	29
	11	12	12	24
	12	12	12	24
		76	99	175
Franklin County Technical School:				30
Northfield Mt. Hermon School:				36
Full Circle School:				7
Holy Trinity School:				4
Bement School:				7
Deerfield Academy:				0
Eaglebrook:				1
Winston Prouty:				0
Franklin County Educational Collaborative:				0
Greenfield Center School:				0

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
1983

Opening Cash Balance - January 1, 1983			$(-572.50)
Receipts	$ 18,388.73		
Transfer from Contingency Account	994.80		
		$ 19,383.73	
Disbursements		18,697.29	686.44
Closing Cash Balance - December 31,1983			$ 113.94

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The five member Northfield Elementary School Committee continued to share assignment at the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, School Union #18 and related educational posts during the past year. To their credit, a balance of time and effort was devoted to educational concerns, services, and support functions both on-site and shared within School Union #18, as well as the on-going task of budgeting within the fiscal parameters of Proposition 2½ percent. Survey and worksheet issues forced many discussions, as the Committee attempted to weigh all positions of advocacy and constituency concern.

During 1983, the Northfield Elementary School Committee concluded participation in the system-wide Pre-Kindergarten Developmental Program, following (3) years of successful grant funding, housed a system Special Needs Resource Room, supported a growing use of computers at the elementary level, maintained student participation in instrumental music activities, speech services, field experiences, and shared enrichment programs with system elementary schools.

Funding, by way of a Commonwealth In-Service Grant, supported efforts within the school community and enhanced staff and student participation in a Values Clarification/Health Education Program. The elementary school also broadened student exposure to a variety of world cultures via Northfield Mount Hermon student presentations, under the guidance and leadership of Marilyn Barrett.

Citizen-parents may be advised that a (1) day per week vocal music teacher and physical education teacher, have been effected on-site, following deletion of shared persons during 1981-82.

Energy expenditures continues to reflect decreasing budget dollars, a direct result of on-site conservation projects, cooperative bidding and stable market prices. Reallocation of such savings is clearly visible in on-going maintenance and plant improvement, areas that usually suffer during restrictive periods.

Staffing witnessed a leave of absence by Donald McKinnon, the employment of (2) morning kindergarten teachers in Barbara King and Jan Pevar, supplemented by kindergarten aide Rita Hogan and grade 5 aide Marcia D'Agresto, both on a part time basis, school year 1983-84. On the para-professional level Gerald DeBarge, custodian resigned and was replaced by Robert Howe.

The Committee energies have focused on a conscious and committed effort to reach consensus on the goals and purposes of education at the Northfield Elementary School, as reflected in the input of community and parents. Particular effort was made to enrich the educational environment via a variety of people, events and experiences, to maintain a positive response to individual needs and to remain sensitive to assessment and proposal on a national, state,

and local level. These are efforts of a high order when measured against a rapidly changing society, one anxious of agenda and conscious of claim and promise. Committee efforts will need the support, input, and discerning participation of a total school community--they in turn need to be supportive during an anxious time in education.

Lorren Byrom, Chairperson
Patricia Shearer
Mary Llewelyn
Joanne Gardner
Michael DiBari

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
*Rotating Secretary

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1983

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Carol Haskell, Chairperson	Bernardston
Mr. Roger Doiron	Bernardston
Mrs. Linda Franklin	Bernardston
Mr. Robert Tracy	Leyden
Mrs. Mary Lou Heselton	Leyden
Mrs. Sandra Facey	Leyden
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Northfield
Mrs. Suzanne McGowan	Northfield
Mrs. Mary Llewelyn	Northfield
Mr. Robert Foote	Warwick
Mr. Mark Maynard, Vice Chairperson	Warwick
Mrs. Joyce Ray, Secretary	Warwick
Mrs. Sharon Finnell, Treasurer	Northfield

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Report of the Principal -- 1983

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee;

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Education was certainly the topic of much conversation in 1983. Spurred by several national reports, education received a lot of attention ranging from a concerned public to professional educators. Politicians soon jumped on the band wagon and before you knew it everyone had a plan for turning things around. While it is beneficial to be in the spotlight, we must proceed cautiosly to ensure that in our efforts to rid ourselves of what is wrong with our institutions we do not also discard what is right - and much is right.

We at Pioneer take great pride in the quality of educational services offered to the young people of our communities. Since the New England Association's visit to Pioneer in 1982, we have taken steps to make what they classified as an excellent school, even better. For example, we have established a number of committees which provide opportunities for faculty involvement thus enabling on-going review and evaluation of courses, programs and activities. Some of the committees also include students where their perspective is needed. The standing committees which make monthly reports to the entire faculty are as follows:

1. Curriculum
2. Special Events
3. Talented & Gifted
4. Student Affairs
5. Principal's Advisory
6. Superintendent's Advisory
7. Peer Counseling
8. Basic Skills
9. New and Emerging Ideas

The year 1983 brought many positive additions/changes to our curriculum and co-curricular programs as well as in-service projects. Following is a summary of many of them.

A. Federal/State Project Grants written by staff members were approved and funded for the 1983-1984 school year.

1. Block Grant (Secondary) made available $5,059. in funds enabling us to purchase, among other things, two additional computers.

2. Special Needs - Grant awards enable us to continue to provide
   a. Title I tutor of remedial math services
   b. Speech therapy (part time)
   c. Adjustment Counselor (part time)

3. Occ. Ed.Grant (Business Dept.) $2,999. continuation of Computer Literacy in Business Program.

4. Commonwealth In-Service Grant - $1,799 - Culture and Survival: An Interdisciplinary Approach.

B. Curriculum
Modification of our master schedule has provided an opportunity for students to enroll in more classes by reducing course conflicts.

C. Other Changes

1. New and/or Reintroduced Courses for 1983-1984
   a. Shorthand
   b. Chorus
   c. Speech

2. Modifications
   a. Social Studies - Shift in emphasis to geography and the History of the United States in Grade 8
   b. Social Studies - World History gr. 9 replaces Modern European History
   c. Math - strengthened credit requirements

3. Adult Education - Six courses were offered in Spring '83

4. Parent/Teacher Conferences were introduced and were very successful.

5. Activity Period - introduced to minimize class disruption by class meetings, assemblies, etc.

6. Athletics - Pioneer's teams bring a lot of pride to the school. Especially noteworthy are the accomplishments of the Cross Country and Boys Basketball teams who won Division Titles during school '82 - '83.

7. Energy Conservation Projects -

   a. Window quilts in two classrooms
   b. Introduction of plan to replace glass (when broken) with insulated panels.
   c. The computerized Energy Management System and the insulated roof continue to help us save on energy costs.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment as of December 1, 1983 were as follows:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Northfield	Bernardston	Leyden	Warwick	Total
7	33	46	39	24	7	9	79
8	41	39	33	31	9	7	79
9	19	32	27	17	4	3	51
10	25	33	31	19	3	5	58
11	24	31	25	21	3	6	54
12	29	23	24	22	3	3	50
	171	204	179	134	29	33	
						Total	375

This figure reflects an increase of 7 students over the previous year; 14 students more than December 1, 1981.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The 52 members of the class of 1983 made plans for the future as follows:

4-year college	14	27%
2-year colleges	15	29%
short-term (other' schooling)	2	4%
Military	7	12%
work	14	27%
	52	100%

60% to further education

1983 marked the 25th Anniversary Year for five of our staff members.

Mr. John Trumbull - Social Studies
Mr. William Messer - Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
Mr. John Callahan - Science
Mrs. Nellie Barber - Cafeteria
Mrs. Beryle Hammond - Home Economics

These five dedicated people are representative of the high caliber personnel staffing Pioneer Valley Regional School. They and their colleagues are what makes Pioneer the excellent educational institution that it is. As long as we are fortunate enough to have teachers willing to work as hard for the interests of our students as these, we will continue to provide quality programs which graduate quality students. If all the schools in the country were like Pioneer, we would not be a "Nation at Risk".

My sincere thanks to Superintendent Harrington, my School Committee, my faculty and staff, our students, and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of their school and its students in 1983.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Evrett H. Masters

PRINCIPAL

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1983

	Fiscal Year 1983		Fiscal Year 1984		FY 1985
	Appropriated	Expended	Appropriated	Expended	Budget
1000 Admin.	$ 40,804.00	19,997.12	42,491.00	19,508.85	42,904.00
2000 Instruct.	855,305.00	302,007.42	919,823.00	329,130.28	956,501.00
3000 Other Serv.	140,228.00	55,748.80	148,860.00	60,369.47	156,405.00
4000 Oper. & Maint.	195,107.00	61,684.18	188,721.00	70,830.42	173,666.00
5000 Fixed Charges	84,190.00	43,393.27	97,289.00	57,364.55	125,933.00
7000 Acq. Fixed Assets	4,055.00	3,292.20	5,898.00	7,745.84	3,911.00
9000 Prog. w/Others	50.00	147.65	-	-	-
Totals	$ 1,319,739.00	486,270.64	1,403,082.00	544,949.41	1,459,320.00

FISCAL YEAR 1985
OPERATING BUDGET

Operating Budget		$ 1,459,320.00
Reduced by:		
Anticipated State Reimbursements:		
Regional School Aid	$ 105,000.00	
Transportation	110,000.00	
State Wards	5,000.00	
Chapter 70, School Aid	121,500.00	
Miscellaneous (Interest)	22,000.00	
Excess & Deficiency:		
Voted from existing E & D	20,000.00	
Projected FY 84 Surplus (Budget)	5,000.00	
		388,500.00
To be apportioned among member towns		$ 1,070,820.00
Apportionments:		
Bernardston - 141.3/390.5	$ 387,465.51	
Leyden - 37.2/390.5	102,017.02	
Northfield - 178.0/390.5	488,101.17	
Warwick - 34.0/390.5	93,236.30	
Total		$ 1,070,820.00

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER
For the first six months of Fiscal Year 1984
July 1 - December 31, 1983

Balance on hand July 1, 1983	$ 209,418.08		
Receipts - July 1 - December 31, 1983	778,284.99		
		987,703.07	
Less Disbursements-July 1-December 31, 1983		737,703.23	
			$ 249,999.84
Distribution of Funds - Operating			
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	$ 249,812.48		
Shawmut Bank of Franklin County	187.38		
			$ 249,999.84
Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Balance on hand - July 1, 1983	$ 31,677.73		
Receipts- July 1-December 31, 1983	3,863.37		
			$ 35,541.10

Distribution of Funds - Trust			
Heritage Bank for Savings-Reg.Savings	$ 536.92		
" " " " -4 yr.certif.	2,000.00		
" " " " -Special Note	1,953.55		
" " " " -3 yr.certif.	3,599.53		
" " " " -30 mo.certif.	15,013.47		
Boston Five Cent Sav. -Reg.Savings	800.00		
" " " " -42 mo.certif.	11,637.63		
			$ 35,541.10
Balance on hand July 1, 1982			
Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus			$ 246,221.90
Federal-State Programs			
Title I - 1982	16.79		
Title II	41.08		
Title III	927.62		
Title IV	6.63		
Title IV B 1980	3.11		
Title IV B 1982	29.90		
PL 94-142, 79-750-505-019-6	2.46		
94-482, 80-750-505-031-6	(356.39)		
94-482, 80-750-505-058-7	1,026.96		
89-313, 200-067-2-0750-6	441.00		
94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6	(463.98)	1,675.18	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	(1,247.20)		
Athletic Fund-Gate Receipts	834.42		
Sale of Athletic Equipment	2,827.00		
School Band	663.57		
Student Scholarship Fund	1,360.85		
Operational Budget Assessment Reduction FY83	57,000.00	61,438.64	309,335.72
Receipts - Operational			
State Reimbursements - Distributions			
Regional School Aid-CH 71 (495)	89,511.00		
Regional School Aid-CH 70	107,404.00		
Transportation -CH 71	75,934.00		
State Wards -CH 76	8,710.00	281,559.00	
Member Towns Assessment Payments			
Town of Bernardston	313,646.67		
Town of Leyden	81,551.36		
Town of Northfield	430,321.38		
Town of Warwick	70,255.64	895,775.05	
Federal - State Programs			
Title I - 1983	19,598.00		
PL 94-482, 80-750-505-013-6	356.39		
94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6	4,152.00		
89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	4,500.00		
94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	11,532.00		
94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	3,162.00		
95-561, 401-7030-9728	2,998.00		
97-35, CH2	8,963.00		
360-066-3-0750-7	641.00	55,902.39	

Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Sales	30,346.04		
Federal-State Reimbursements	19,873.18		
Food Supplies Reimbursements	637.07		
Janitor Meals	403.80		
Petty Cash Return	50.00	51,310.09	
Athletic Department-Gate Receipts			
Sales	1,408.12		
Petty Cash Return	150.00	1,558.12	
Sale of Athletic Equipment	555.00		
Student Scholarship Fund	2,990.85	3,545.85	
Drivers Education	78.00		
PVRS Computer Course	740.00		
PVRS Summer Computer Camp	675.00		
PVRS Adult Evening Courses	544.00		
PVRS Damage-Ins.Claim & Stu.Pymt.	220.04		
Ins.Refund-Blue Cross-Blue Shield	6,939.00	12,741.89	
Other Receipts			
Sales Tax Collection - 5% Mass. Food	95.78		
Interest Income - Operating Budget	39,815.15		
Interest Income - Tr.Funds & Scholarships	1,250.00		
N.E.Telephone - Reimbursement	29.92		
W.M.E.Co. - Refund	371.20		
Use of building	290.00		
Nurses' Supplies	51.85		
Tuitions	96.12		
Sale of lockers & jointer	100.00		
Vendors Refunds	248.00	42,348.02	1,341,194.56
Total Receipts & Holdings			$ 1,650,530.28

Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus - FY1983 Activity Schedule			
Balance on hand July 1, 1982			$ 246,221.90
Transfer funds per committee vote to:			
FY 1983 Assessment Reduction	101,963.95		
Budget #5000 account for copier	6,000.00		
Energy Projects	64,956.00		
Renovation Projects	7,315.00		
FY 1984 Assessment Reduction	20,000.00	200,234.95	
		45,986.95	
Transfer from Estimated Receipts - Surplus FY 83	60,347.35		
Transfer from Operating Budget - Surplus FY 83	70,472.78	130,820.13	
Balance on hand June 30, 1983			$ 176,807.08

Disbursements - Operational			
Operating Budget			
#1000 Administration	$ 40,990.89		
#2000 Instruction	828,378.48		
#3000 Other Services	136,704.66		
#4000 Oper. & Maint.	158,247.04		
#5000 Fixed Charges	77,669.99		
#7000 Acq. of Fixed Assets	13,015.51		
#9000 Prog. w/other Schools	259.65	1,255,266.22	
Federal - State Programs			
Title I - 1982	16.79		
Title II - 1983	19,361.75		
Title IV B - 1982	26.16		
PL 89-313, 200-067-2-0750-6	441.00		
94-142, 240-109-2-0750-6	3,688.02		
89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	4,296.00		
94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	13,985.11		
94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	3,138.75		
95-561, 401-7030-9728	1,478.50		
97-35, CH 2	8,963.00		
360-066-3-0750-6	641.00	56,036.08	
Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Salaries	16,121.98		
Supplies	29,808.87		
Petty Cash	50.00	45,980.85	
Mass. 5% Food Tax	100.10	100.10	
Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts			
Sales	1,997.45		
Petty Cash	150.00	2,147.45	
Sale of Athletic Equipment	2,751.73	2,751.73	
Student Scholarship Funds			
Supplies	2,176.21		
Scholarships - Jennifer Finch	150.00		
Leslie Leavis	150.00		
Gaye LeBlanc	150.00	2,626.21	
Drivers Education	94.00		
PVRS Computer Course	660.00		
PVRS Adult Evening Course	543.00		
PVRS Damage-Ins.Claim & Stu.Pymt.	533.97		
Ins.Refund-Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,152.89		
Energy Account	62,045.00		
Renovation Account	6,924.70	74,953.56	
Other Disbursements			
Trust Funds - Scholarship Awards	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,441,112.20
Balance on hand June 30, 1983			
Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus		176,807.08	
Federal - State Programs			
Title I - 1983	236.25		
Title II	41.08		
Title III	927.62		
Title IV	6.63		
Title IV B 1980 - 95-561	3.11		

PL 94-482, 79-750-505-019-6	2.46		
94-482, 80-750-505-058-7	1,026.96		
89-313, 200-042-3-0750-6	204.00		
94-142, 240-119-3-0750-6	(2,453.11)		
94-482, 400-051-3-0750-6	23.25		
95-561, 401-7030-9728	1,519.50	1,541.49	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	4,082.04		
Mass. 5% Food Tax	(4.32)		
School Athletic Fund-Gate Receipts	245.09		
Sale of Athletic Equipment	630.27		
School Band	663.57		
Student Scholarship Fund	1,725.49		
Drivers Education	(16.00)		
PVRS Computer Course	80.00		
PVRS Summer Computer Camp	675.00		
PVRS Adult Evening Course	1.00		
PVRS Damage-Ins.Claim & Stu.Pymt.	(313.93)		
Energy Account	2,911.00		
Renovation Account	390.30		
FY 1984 Budget Reserve	20,000.00	31,069.51	209,418.08*
			$ 1,650,530.28

Distribution of Cash as of June 30, 1983			
Operating Cash in Banks-June 30, 1983			
MMDT	$ 284,677.71		
Shawmut Bank of Franklin County	414.17	285,091.88	
Less Disbursements as of June 30, 1983			
Teachers Salaries-July & Aug,FY 1983		(75,673.80)	
		$ 209,418.08*	

Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Balance on hand July 1, 1982	$ 17,038.02		
Receipts			
Interest on all Funds	1,848.71		
Donation-Bernardston Comm. Club	16.00		
Donation-Jackson/Hammond Family	14,000.00		
Donation-Tyler Family	25.00	$ 32,927.73	
Disbursements - Scholarships			
Bernardston Com.Club - Alyson Cameron	200.00		
Theodore Cronyn - Joel Finnell	50.00		
Leonard Eastman - Gayle Ball	50.00		
Thaddeus Mark Ostrowski's Memorial Award - Edward Hogan	100.00		
Tyler Memorial Award - Kathy Bean	10.00		
George A. Warner - Julie Wood	40.00		
George A. Warner - Scott Bradley	800.00	1,250.00	
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		31,677.73	
		$ 32,927.73	

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Finnell

DISTRICT TREASURER

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
For the Calendar Year January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983

To the citizens of the member towns of the Franklin County Technical School District: --

Bernardston	Gill	Shelburne
Buckland	Greenfield	Sunderland
Colrain	Heath	Warwick
Conway	Montague	Wendell
Deerfield	New Salem	Whately
Erving	Northfield	

The purpose of this school is to provide a quality technical education for the youth in the Franklin County area. This goal is obtained through the interaction of our fine administrative, teaching and support staff.

In September we started our eighth school year. October 1st enrollment approximated (740) students, making Franklin Tech the largest high school in Franklin County.

During 1983 the Town of Rowe withdrew from the district, leaving seventeen (17) member towns.

Auto Mechanics Instructor, Karl J. Dihlmann, became the school's first retiree on October 15, 1983. Leaving the school district committee, during the 1983 year, was Thomas Danek, Peter Erikson, and Frank Sussenberger.

I want to thank the many area people who have helped us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. O'Hara

CHAIRMAN

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

December 31, 1983

Bernardston:	Frederic D. MacNeill	Heath:	F. Walter Gleason
Buckland:	Robert MacGregor, III	Montague:	J. Richard Colgan
Colrain:	William H. Dornbusch		Donald F. O'Hara
Conway:	George B. Eldridge	New Salem:	Harold S. Overing
Deerfield:	Marshall J. Aronstam	Northfield:	Marian A. Holbrook
Erving:	Vacancy	Shelburne:	Eugene R. Butler
Gill:	Shirley E. Flagg	Sunderland:	Clarence H. Warner
Greenfield:	Jane H. Dutcher	Warwick:	Fredericka H. Fellows
	Angela Martini	Wendell:	Albert Diemand
	Peter Ruggeri	Whately:	Marcia L. Nickerson
	Edward N. Tombs		
	John A. Zon, Jr.		

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR
Calendar Year January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983

I am pleased to submit this eighth annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As in my previous reports, I will briefly report only on those significant events that have contributed to our school's growth and progress during this past year.

The Tech School continues to maintain a near capacity enrollment. The school age populations in the District Towns, and across Massachusetts, are declining, and they will continue to decline, in the high school grades, until the early 1990's. This decline has resulted in a smaller District enrollment than in previous years. However, a number of non-district towns continue to send a large number of tuitioned students to our school. Therefore, the school's total student population is near capacity, and, in fact, there is a waiting list of applicants. The October 1, 1983 enrollments by District and Non-District Towns are as follows:

Bernardston	27	Warwick	5
Buckland	26	Wendell	14
Colrain	31	Whately	7
Conway	14		
Deerfield	55	Non-District Towns	
Erving	27	Ashfield	11
Gill	13	Athol	35
Greenfield	245	Charlemont	8
Heath	10	Hawley	1
Montague	106	Leverett	4
New Salem	6	Leyden	7
Northfield	30	Orange	7
Rowe	5	Plainfield	5
Shelburne	35		
Sunderland	14	TOTAL.....748	

Perhaps the most significant continuing problem for this school district has been the increasing difficulty of providing quality vocational-technical programs under the handicap of constantly diminishing budgets. Unless the state's school finance patterns quickly address the negative impact on school services that have resulted from the imposition of Proposition 2½, this school, particularly because of its demand for heavy material intensity and labor market pay standards, will face serious future curtailments.

Two major changes took place in our shop programs during the 1983 school year. The programs of Child Care and Allied Health were merged into a new program entitled Community Services Aide Program. Also, our Data Processing Program was modified to include a typing-word processing component. Both of these program changes should result in more varied and effective job placements for our students.

A large number of community service projects were performed by our school's production shops. In addition to our annual House Building project (being built in Northfield this year), the shops performed a number of valuable and cost saving services for nearly every District town and regional school district in Franklin County.

As a consequence of past and continuing energy savings' projects, the school benefited from the most cost effective year in its short history. In addition, the recently completed computerized programmed budgetary accounting system is enabling the Business Office to establish an extremely accurate and fast analysis of all departmental expenditures.

As in past years, the school was fortunate to receive a number of federal grants in furthering its educational plans. A new program, Technical Drawing, has been funded for three years. It will enable over 150 students a year to gain valuable insight and theory related to a number of our vocational programs. Furthermore, a number of area businesses and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

The Tech School has continued to maintain collaborative links with all levels of education in the Franklin County Area. The Greenfield Community College continues to operate the adult education evening program, The Tech Connection, and a group of regional high schools have tied into the Tech School's Computer in the operation of a guidance program for post secondary college and career information.

Since a major goal of all vocational-technical education is "to prepare students to seek, acquire, and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field", this school's staff has continued to stress and improve on our job placement efforts. Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be very effective placement vehicles. As of September, 1983, our senior student placements were as follows:

Available for placement	120
Placed in Jobs:	
Related to Shop Training	67
Unrelated to Shop Training	42
JOB PLACEMENT (Total)	90.8%
JOB PLACEMENT (Related to Shop)	55.8%

As in my previous annual reports, I would like to conclude by offering a brief assessment of the Tech School's future role and impact on Franklin County. Undoubtedly, the challenge for the future of this school will be to continue to anticipate and intelligently provide for the future societal and industrial changes. The ability of any vocational - technical school to effectively accomodate the rapid technological changes of the marketplace rest, to a major degree, upon the adequacy of funding mechanisms. If our students are to receive proper career training, the staffing and tooling costs for this school must be equitable and appropriate.

Further enrollment patterns at this school will probably remain very constant. Despite the state-wide shrinkage in student populations in grades four to twelve, this school will not witness a serious decline. In fact, beginning in 1989, our school probably will be facing a fairly severe surplus of student applicants. Also, if the present trend continues, the female population will continue to increase appreciably, thereby increasing the total enrollment significantly.

Within the next five years, it is anticipated that vocational-technical schools will be asked to play an even more important role in the education and career training of adults and post-secondary students. With the advent of robotics and other new technologies, and with an increasing national and state emphasis on excellenece in education, many innovations in the existing school year and/or school day programming could result.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at the Tech School. Their dedication and cooperation have significantly contributed to our success this year. Also, I am indebted to our parents, county residents, business, industrial, and educational benefactors for their assistance and generosity. And finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your District Committee. Your solid support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. O'Neil, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR 1984 BUDGET
FINAL APPROVAL JANUARY 19, 1983

RECAPITULATION

OPERATING	FY-1983	FY-1984
1000 ADMINISTRATION	116,887.	272,632.
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,806,087.	1,797,431.
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	384,116.	371,012.
4000 OPERATING & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	402,138.	414,288.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	176,900.	225,500.
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	19,881.	18,690.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150,082.	146,757.
OPERATING TOTAL:	3,056,091.	3,246,310.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS:	1,351,167.	1,444,811.
TOTAL OPERATING TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	1,704,924.	1,801,490.
CAPITAL		
8000 DEBT RETIREMENT	345,000.	345,000.
DEBT SERVICE	282,240.	260,160.
CAPITAL TOTAL:	627,240.	605,160.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS:	384,189.	384,189.
TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	243,051.	220,971.

SUMMARY

OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL	3,683,331.	3,851,470.
LESS: ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS	1,735,356.	1,829,000.
TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO TOWNS:	1,947,975.	2,022,470.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1985 BUDGET ASSESSMENT
7/1/84 Through 6/30/85

TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET $2,057,719.00

TOWN	OPERATING %	OPERATING SHARE	CAPITAL %	CAPITAL SHARE	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
BERNARDSTON	4.06	76,090.12	3.050	5,599.13	81,689.25
BUCKLAND	3.91	73,278.91	3.310	6,076.43	79,355.34
COLRAIN	4.66	87,334.97	2.800	5,140.18	92,475.15
CONWAY	2.11	39,544.38	2.545	4,672.06	44,216.44
DEERFIELD	8.27	154,991.46	9.835	18,054.90	173,046.36
ERVING	4.06	76,090.12	7.085	13,006.50	89,096.62
GILL	1.95	36,545.75	2.450	4,497.66	41,043.41
GREENFIELD	36.84	690,433.54	30.770	56,486.95	746,920.49
HEATH	1.50	28,112.12	1.200	2,202.94	30,315.06
MONTAGUE	15.94	298,738.08	14.865	27,288.87	326,026.95
NEW SALEM	0.90	16,867.27	1.340	2,459.95	19,327.22
NORTHFIELD	4.51	84,523.76	6.040	11,088.11	95,611.87
SHELBURNE	5.26	98,579.82	3.685	6,764.85	105,344.67
SUNDERLAND	2.11	39,544.38	5.620	10,317.08	49,861.46
WARWICK	0.75	14,056.06	1.265	2,322.26	16,378.32
WENDELL	2.11	39,544.38	1.295	2,377.34	41,921.72
WHATELY	1.06	19,865.88	2.845	5,222.79	25,088.67
	100.00%	1,874,141.00	100.000%	183,578.00	2,057,719.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1983

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics records be complete and correct. If any errors or ommissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15 of the General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS 1983

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
January		
12	Jurek, Kate Elizabeth	Stephen D. & Deborah A.
17	Wing, Aaron Edward	Michael B. & Sarah A.
February		
21	Shepard, Sarah MacDonald	Paul R. Spitzer & Margaret B. Shepard
26	Gray, Jessica Marie	Dale R. & Darlene M.
28	Cerillo, Lauren Langevin	James V. & Darlene F.
March		
12	Harris, Sean Christopher	Christopher G. & Joan J.
15	Adamski, Christopher Thomas	Paul A. & Debra A.
April		
10	Shippa, Christopher Robert	David E. & Jane E.
May		
4	Cooley, Ryan Thomas	Robert J. & Vera J.
12	Bassett, Shawna Marie	Edmund C. & Karalee J.
June		
9	Stuart, William Jed	William S. & Janet L.
July		
9	Smith, Brent Frederick	George R. & Laura L.
24	Dowdy, William Gregory	David A. & Joanne C.
25	Holloway, Aaron David	David J. & Donna M.
August		
4	Whitman, Joseph Andrew Darwin	Jay A. & Romona J.
31	Leyden, Jay Nicholas	John T. & Kathleen A.
September		
9	Whitcomb, Katheryn Elizabeth	James A. & Elizabeth
11	Boisvert, Marie Bernadette	Thomas W. Boisvert & Joanne M. Gardner
13	Mitchell-Watson, Cortney Alexander	Richard A. & Suzanne M.
21	Coutu, Lindsay Alice	David J. & Kathleen J.

October		
26	Tyler, Hannah Lee	Donald M. & Kristin L.
27	Conley, Samantha Anne	Samuel M. & Robin A.
29	Sousa, Justin Gabriel	Kenneth F. & Susanne M.
30	Harrington-Woodard, Kyle Daniel	Daniel P. Woodard & Lynne A. Harrington
November		
15	Austin, Gregory John	John W. & Karen M.
15	Byron, Jeremiah David	David R. & Amy A.
16	Aleman, Andrea Marie	Ronald J. & Carol M.
December		
1	Brown, Taylor Alfred	Alfred W. & Linda A.
20	Seredynski, Johnathan Lucas	Stephen F. & Nona G.

DEATHS 1983

DATE	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE AT DEATH
January			
11	Allen M. Sibley	Sept. 26, 1928	54
February			
22	Mildred Fletcher Aldrich	March 12, 1925	57
March			
9	Laurence M. Hammond	February 14, 1904	79
17	Robert Thayer Thompson	August 9, 1918	64
29	Paul George Jordan	August 24, 1896	86
May			
11	Leonard W. Barnes	March 3, 1913	70
21	Joseph Giles Morgan	May 20, 1897	86
June			
4	Caroline E. Hall	December 4, 1903	79
July			
29	Eleanor (Miller) Reed	August 27, 1913	69
August			
12	Adrian George Gallant	April 26, 1910	73
13	Florence (Strom) Brown	August 5, 1901	82
16	Karolina Blazejewski	January 1, 1903	80
September			
7	Alfreda (Green) Mattern	August 28, 1898	85
October			
7	George A. Coutu	March 17, 1895	88
8	Mary (Klages) Kells	March 21, 1902	81
November			
7	Elsie (Strange) Davis	June 20, 1915	68
December			
17	Harriet Mable Merritt	December 28, 1891	92

MARRIAGES 1983

DATE	NAME AND RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
February		
4	Joseph Medeiros, Jr., Chesterfield, N.H. Linda M. Chapman, Northfield	Northfield
June		
18	James A. Russo, Greenfield Tina A. Monette, Northfield	Vernon, Vt.
24	John Allen Fitz-Gerald, Northfield Margaret Baker Howland, Northfield	Marion, Ma.
25	Stephen D. Powell, Denver, Colorado Mary Ellen Huber, Denver, Colorado	Northfield
July		
16	Donald D. Mitchell, Enfield, N.H. Coralie A. Roberts, Enfield, N.H.	Northfield
August		
6	Gregory P. Scoville, Northfield Ellen D. Thompson, Northfield	Northfield
12	Stephan E. Field, Northfield Brenda B. Raymond, Northfield	Northfield
September		
17	Thomas V. Newton, Greenfield JoAnn Fortier, Northfield	Northfield
October		
9	Jeffrey David Gibson, Ossining, N.Y. Cathy Heather Lindner, Ossining, N.Y.	Northfield
December		
17	Stephen Lawrence Smith, Northfield Susan Beth Goller, Northfield	Northfield
3	Eugene E. Closson, Northfield Lillian Howe Stone, Brattleboro, Vt.	Marlboro, Vt.

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1983

Resident Citizen Fishing	47
Resident Citizen Hunting	63
Resident Citizen Sporting	43
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	2
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Fishing	32
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Fishing 7-day	5
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (small game)	7
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Commercial Shooting Preserve 3-day	0
Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	0
Resident Citizen Trapping	0
Duplicates	1
Resident Alien Hunting	0
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (big game)	11
Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70	28
Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally Retarded	3
Resident Citizen Hunting Paraplegic	0
Resident Citizen Fishing Age 65-69	3
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69	3
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69	4
Resident Citizen Trapping Age 65-69	0
Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	27
Waterfowl Stamps	16

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1983

Male Dogs	84
Female	3
Spayed Female	76
Kennel ($10.00)	7
Kennel ($25.00)	2
Kennel ($50.00)	1

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1983

Raffles-Bazaars	6
Gasoline and Fuel	8
Auctioneer Licenses	2

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 2 and 3, 1983

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M., and it was determined that 284 ballots had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Barbara J. Brassor	264
Blanks	20
Selectman, three years	
Carolyn B. Parenteau	207
Marguerite Lentz	2
Dwight Stearns	2
Ralph K. Leach	2
Jane Abbott	1
Thomas Russell	1
Phyllis Derigon	1
Stanley Wickey	1
Blanks	67
Assessor, three years	
Norman Fowler	236
William Roberts	1
Donald Lippack	1
Blanks	46
Elementary School Committee, three years	
Patricia Shearer	171
Frederick Holton	106
Blanks	7
Library Trustee, three years	
Paul Mayberry	239
Charlene M. Nagle	211
Marguerite Lentz	1
Lucille Dahlman	1
Ann Sorenson	1
Blanks	115
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Horace F. Field	266
Hazel Kimball	1
Blanks	17
Constable, three years	
James B. O'Shea	255
Joseph DeMaria	250
David A. Miller	220
William Forrest	1
Eugene Miller	1
Blanks	125
Constable, Northfield Farms, three years	
William J. Young	258
Blanks	26

Planning Board, five years	
Barry Coppinger	229
Blanks	55
Board of Health, three years	
John F. Jurkowski	249
Blanks	35
Recreation Commission, one year	
John Callahan	36
Cornelius Putnam	7
Rebecca Fowler	2
James Jurek	1
Wm. Messer	1
Jane Abbott	1
David Stone	1
Kathleen O'Shea	1
Norma Stearns	1
Edward Shearer	1
Edward Finch	1
Delores Avery	1
Blanks	230
Recreation Commission, two years	
Sharon Schena	228
Blanks	56
Recreation Commission, three years	
Anthony Matteo	228
Almon Dirth	221
Dwight Stearns	1
Blanks	118
Sewer Commissioner, two years	
Jeffrey Sibley	214
Albert Stone	20
Niles Stone	3
Hank Henry	1
David Stone	1
Blanks	45
Sewer Commissioner, three years	
Herbert H. Maynard	258
Albert Stone	1
Blanks	25

After reading the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Barbara J. Brassor
TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 3, 1983

Approximately 225 voters assembled in accordance with the warrant at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William S. Messer, Moderator, and the invocation was given by Rev. Harold Tallman.

The meeting was then adjourned for a Special Town Meeting, and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $11,612.61 from the snow Removal Wages Account to the Highway Department Wages Account.

Article 2. VOTED (by 2/3) Yes 123, No 36: That the vote adopted under Article 3 at the Special Town Meeting held on September 13, 1982, as set forth in Article 2 of the Warrant for this Special Town Meeting, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Article 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: to pass over.

The following motion was made and passed:
VOTED: That the order of the articles be changed so that Article 37, 38, 46, 26 and 29 be considered by the Town after Article 5.

Article 1. VOTED: That the reading of all articles be waived and that prior to the reading of a motion under any article the Moderator briefly summarize the content of the article about to be considered; and further that, unless objection is raised, the reading of detailed motions be waived where the articles as printed can, in the opinion of the Moderator, be incorporated by reference in any motion presented.

Article 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Article 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Mass. General Laws as amended, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year.

Article 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town.

Article 5. VOTED: to amend the Recreation Commission recommended appropriation from $5,000.00 to $6,000.00.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1984, and further voted that the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this Article and unless objection is made, each item recommended

in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of making the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TITLE			APPROPRIATION 1983	1984
Moderator				
Salary			58.00	62.00
Expenses			50.00	50.00
Selectmen	1983	1984	2614.00	2798.00
Chairman	906.10	970.00		
Members	854.25	914.00		
Expenses			1600.00	2182.00
Secretary Salary			11538.00	12346.00
Copy Machine, Supplies & Service			700.00	700.00
Accountant				
Salary			4846.00	5185.00
Expenses			225.00	225.00
Treasurer				
Salary			4260.00	4558.00
Expenses			1450.00	1600.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Cost			500.00	500.00
Tax Collector				
Salary			2986.00	3195.00
Expenses			2500.00	2500.00
Assessors	1983	1984	2931.00	3136.00
Chairman	1019.00	1090.00		
Others	956.00	1023.00		
Expense			2500.00	2575.00
Clerk			3467.00	3710.00
Finance Committee Expense			50.00	55.00
Town Clerk				
Salary			1831.00	1960.00
Expenses			170.00	500.00
Elections & Registration			2500.00	1500.00
Town Counsel, Expenses			425.00	---
Fee			3500.00	4500.00
Litigation			1000.00	
Planning Board Expenses			170.00	170.00
Appeals Board Expenses			150.00	150.00
Town Hall				
Custodian			4087.00	4373.00
Maintenance			10642.00	9500.00
TOTAL			66750.60	68030.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department		
Police Chief Salary	18566.00	17500.00
Holiday Coverage	714.00	661.00
Special Police Wages	10202.00	13476.00
Police Dept. Operating Expense	8612.00	9180.00
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	572.00	612.00
Forest Fire Warden	214.00	229.00
Public Safety Officer	107.00	114.00
Fire Dept. Secretary	161.00	172.00
Fire Dept. Wages	7704.00	8500.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	5350.00	6350.00
Hose & Equipment	2500.00	3000.00
Hydrants	500.00	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00	1000.00
Maintenance Fire Station & Garage	6647.00	6400.00
Tree Department		
Wages	6152.00	5000.00
Expenses	553.00	1000.00
Insect & Pest Control	383.00	383.00
Wire Inspector		
Salary	1284.00	1374.00
Expenses	125.00	125.00
Building Commissioner		
Salary	4580.00	4900.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00
Dog Officer		
Wages	391.00	500.00
Expenses	305.00	250.00
Civil Defense	500.00	1000.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	77223.00	82327.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health		
Salaries	660.00	706.00
Expenses	1200.00	1356.00
Nurse & Substitute	19153.00	20494.00
Nurse's Expenses	860.00	955.00
Car Expense	1300.00	1000.00
Nursing Program, Montague	5000.00	5000.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aid	4000.00	4000.00
Animal Inspector	525.00	525.00
Brush Dump	---	500.00
Transfer Station	---	48000.00
Sewer Commission		
Salaries	660.00	706.00
Expenses	67.00	67.00
Sewer Department Wages	21048.00	22521.00
Operation & Maintenance Sewer Plant	12304.00	13000.00
TOTAL	66777.00	118830.00

HIGHWAYS

Highway Supt. Expenses	600.00	950.00
Highway Dept. Wages	46891.00	50173.00
Snow Removal Wages	22092.00	23638.00
Snow Removal Expenses	25431.00	32631.00
Machinery Maintenance	45646.00	43100.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	47520.00	50000.00
Highway Tools	500.00	500.00
Garage Tools	250.00	250.00
Street Lights	32000.00	29000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	220931.00	230243.00

VETERANS

Soldiers' Relief	1500.00	1000.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Elem. School Comm. Salaries	890.00	952.00
Elementary School	404421.00	408385.00
Pioneer Valley Regional School	479303.83	474913.07
Franklin Co. Tech. School Capital	12650.80	10650.80
Franklin Co. Tech. School Operating	106689.18	92174.95
Dickinson Library		
Wages	21302.00	22793.00
Expenses	11617.00	14000.00
Northfield Farms Library	250.00	300.00
TOTAL	1037123.81	1024168.82

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Commission	4607.00	6000.00
Maintenance Athletic Field	425.00	475.00
Conservation Commission	165.00	165.00
Fish	255.00	255.00
Land Damages	1250.00	100.00
Town Reports	1000.00	1000.00
Memorial Day	695.00	717.00
Insurance, Chapter 32B	31000.00	32000.00
Other Insurance	57474.00	44000.00
Historical Society Building	170.00	200.00
Historical Commission	170.00	200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00	340.00
Town Clock	128.00	50.00
TOTAL	97679.00	85502.00

CEMETERIES

Wages & Contractural Services	170.00	170.00
Expenses	170.00	170.00
TOTAL	340.00	340.00

Interest	10000.00	
Town		200.00
Sewer Loans		10000.00
TOTAL	10000.00	10200.00
GRANT TOTAL	1578324.41	1620640.82

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That all the salaries of each elected official for the Fiscal Year 1984 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor, and that all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, each amount is accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

The following Resolution was read by Mrs. Carolyn B. Parenteau, Selectman:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contribution to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 1983 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Joseph J. Morgan - Constable
Allen M. Sibley - Sewer Commissioner (Deceased)
Joyce Browning - Board of Health
Karen L. Quinlan - Recreation Commission
Stanley T. Wickey - Finance Committee
Fernand A. Caron - Finance Committee
Jon C. Schmitter - Chief of Police
David A. Miller - Acting Chief of Police and Police Officer
Eugene L. Miller - Police Officer
Jeffrey Cain - Police Officer
Joseph J. DeMaria - Police Officer
Harold L. Johnson - Special Police Officer for special assignments
Robert Platek - Dog Officer
Margaret Lipsio - Registrar of Voters
Laurence Hammond - Registrar of Voters (Deceased)
James R. Dale - Election Officer
Dorena G. Johnson - Election Officer
Thadd Bistrek - Historical Commission
Ann N. Graves - Historical Commission
Alvin H. Scott - Zoning Board of Appeals; Building Code Bd. of Appeals & Planning Bd.-Bd. of Appeals

Ann Loring - Arts Lottery Council
Robert Graves - Conservation Commission
Leon Dunnell - Council on Aging (Deceased)

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 3, 1983

A special recognition was given to Joseph J. Morgan and James R. Dale for their 40 years of service.

Article 37. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: that the Town amend the agreement of the member towns of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District to provide for 5-year averaging of member town student population for FY85, beginning July 1, 1984, in accord with the amendment as printed under Article 37 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 1983.

Article 38. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept an amendment to the agreement between the Towns of Bernardston, et al, with respect to the formation of a Regional School District drawn up and adopted by the Franklin County Technical School District Committee on November 17, 1982, which provides for the withdrawal of the Town of Rowe from the Franklin County Technical School District, as printed under Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 1983.

Article 46. VOTED: (by 2/3 majority, 162 Yes, 44 No) to pass over article.

Article 26. VOTED AS AMENDED: (178 Yes, 33 No) That the Town request the Mass. Dept. of Public Works to proceed with the design phase of the reconstruction of Warwick Avenue-Warwick Road within the Town of Northfield and to limit the overall pavement to a width of 24 feet.

A motion was made and passed that the debate on the pending motion be limited to 30 minutes total time.

Article 29. DEFEATED: (by less than 2/3 majority--written ballot, 94 Yes, 84 No) with the following insertions:

To adopt the Northfield Historic District By-Law as printed under Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 1983, establishing a Historic District and a Historic District Commission under Chapter 40C of the General Laws as most recently amended by Chapter 168 of the Acts of 1975.

NORTHFIELD HISTORIC
DISTRICT BY-LAW

Section I. This by-law shall be known as the Northfield Historic District By-Law, and is adopted pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended to date.

Section II. Purpose: The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive visual characteristics of buildings and their settings.

Section III. Historic District: There is hereby established under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws an historic district to be known as the

Main Street Historic District, which district shall be bounded as shown on a map entitled "Main Street Historic District, 1983", attached to and made part of this by-law. A written description of the district and said map are filed with the Northfield Town Clerk and with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Section IV. Historic District Commission Membership: There is hereby established under Chapter 40C of the General Laws an Historic District Commission, consisting of five members appointed by the Northfield Selectmen as follows:

a. One resident owner of property in the historic district established by this by-law.
b. One member nominated by the Northfield Planning Board, who shall be a resident of the town and a member of the Planning Board.
c. One member from two nominees submitted by the Northfield Historical Society, who shall be residents of the Town.
d. One member from two nominees submitted by the Board of Realtors covering Northfield, who shall be residents of the Town.
e. One member from two nominees submitted by the Chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering the area.

Alternate Members: The Selectmen, at the time of appointing the commission's five members from the foregoing nominees and guidelines, shall also appoint three alternate members. In the case of absence, inability to act, or unwillingness to act because of self-interest by a member, the chairman of the commission shall designate an alternate member of the commission to act for a specified time. No fewer than two of the alternates shall be residents of the historic district.

Terms: When the commission is first established, appointments shall be made as follows: One member and one alternate for terms of one year, two members and one alternate for terms of two years, and two members and one alternate for terms of three years. Successors shall each be appointed for a term of three years. The Selectmen shall appoint the commission as required by this section within forty-five days next following the Town Meeting at which the by-law is adopted. Vacancies shall be filled within forty-five days for the period of the unexpired term by the Board of Selectmen, under the terms of the original appointment.

Officers: Within sixty days of its establishment, and annually thereafter within sixty days of the annual Town Meeting, the commission shall elect from its membership, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary.

Vote: All meetings of the Historic District Commission shall require the presence of a majority of the members of the commission. All votes of the commission shall be carried by a majority of those present and voting. All members shall serve without compensation.

Section V. Duties and Powers of the Commission: The Historic District Commission shall have all the powers and duties of Historic District Commissions as provided by the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C of the General Laws, as amended.

General Regulatory Powers: The commission shall review the proposed design (insofar as is visible from Main Street) of new construction, reconstructions, alterations, movements, and demolitions of all exterior architectural

features of buildings and structures fronting on Main Street within the Historic District as set forth on the aforesaid map.

Considerations: In reviewing applications for certificates of appropriateness pursuant to Section 7, Chapter 40C of the General Laws, the commission shall consider, among other things;

1. The historic and architectural value and significance of the site, building, or structure;
2. The general design, arrangement, texture, and material of the features involved;
3. The Rehabilitation Standards of the Secretary of the Interior, as amended;
4. The relation of such features to similar features of buildings and structures in the vicinity. In the case of new construction or additions to existing buildings or structures, the commission shall also consider;
5. The appropriateness of the size and shape of the building or structure both in relation to the land area it occupies and to buildings and structures in the vicinity;
6. Whether lot coverage, building height, placement, relation to the street and other structures, proportion of height to width, relation of openings in the facade (including balconies, bays, and porches), and roof forms are compatible with surroundings;
7. The commission in appropriate cases may impose dimensional and setback requirements in addition to those required by the zoning by-law.
8. The commission in its deliberations on individual applications shall give positive attention to considerations of energy efficiency and economy.

Section VI. Exemptions and Limitations: The Historic District Commission will NOT consider, and will have NO jurisdiction over, the following areas: 1. Design Items--External maintenance and repair not involving a basic change in the design; color of the exterior, including the roof. 2. Reconstruction and Mandated Change--a. Reconstruction substantially similar in exterior design to a building, structure, or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm, or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year from date of damage or unless an extension be granted by the Historic District Commission; b. Construction, demolition, or alterations under orders issued by a building inspector or similar agent regarding public safety. 3. Landscaping--Decorative plantings, terraces, walks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and similar items. 4. Appurtenances--Storm doors and storm windows, screen doors, solar panels, screen windows, air conditioners, antennae, etc. 5. Signs--Covered by existing zoning by-law (maximum of 12 sq. ft.)

Section VII. Procedures:

1. Certificates (pursuant to Sections 6 and 10, Chapter 40C, General Laws). Except as provided, no building or structure shall be altered or constructed by any person, and no permit shall be issued for construction, alteration, demolition, or removal affecting exterior architectural features within the historic district unless the commission shall first have issued one of the following certificates: of non-applicability, of appropriateness, or of hardship. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate from the commission shall file with the commission an application in such form as it shall determine, together with such plans, elevations, specifications, material, and other in-

formation as the commission requires, including, in the case of demolition or removal, a statement of the proposed appearance and condition of the property thereafter.

A. Certificate of Non-applicability: If the commission determines that the application does not involve construction or alteration of any exterior architectural feature (or involves a feature exempted), it shall issue a Certificate of Non-applicability to the applicant.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness: If the commission determines after a public hearing that the proposed construction or alteration will be appropriate for, or compatible with, the preservation and protection of the district, the commission shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. In the event of a disapproval, the commission shall record the reasons for its denial and shall send notice thereof to the applicant as soon as convenient within thirty days after such public hearings or meetings (see below), together with the reason. Before issuing its disapproval or as part of the disapproval, the commission may also recommend changes to the applicant relating to design, arrangement, texture, material, and similar features. If within fourteen days of receipt of such notice the applicant files a written modification conforming with the recommended changes, the commission shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.

C. Certificate of Hardship: If the commission after public hearings has determined that proposed construction or alteration is inappropriate, or if the applicant applies for a Certificate of Hardship, the commission shall as soon as convenient within 30 days following hearing and meetings (see below) issue a Certificate of Hardship to the applicant if it determines that: (a) owing to conditions especially affecting the building or structure involved, but not affecting the historic district generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant; and that (b) such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare and without substantial derogation from the intent and purposes of Chapter 40C and this by-law. The commission shall also issue such a certificate if it has failed to act on any application within the time period set under 2. Hearings and Meetings (below).

D. Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-applicability, or a Certificate of Hardship shall be filed with the Historic District Commission, which will forward copies to each of the following: Building Inspector, Town Clerk, Planning Board, and Selectmen.

E. Each certificate shall be dated and signed, and the commission shall keep a permanent record of its determinations and of the vote of each member participating therein, and shall file a copy or notice of certificates and determinations of disapproval with the Town Clerk and the Building Inspector.

F. An applicant may, within twenty days of the decision by the commission, appeal to a superior court sitting in equity. The commission must pay costs only if it appears to the court that the commission has acted with gross negligence, bad faith, or malice.

G. Violation of any of the provisions of this by-law shall incur a fine of twenty dollars, each day constituting a separate offense.

2. Hearings and Meetings (pursuant to Section 11, Chapter 40C General Laws). The commission shall determine within fourteen days after the filing

for a certificate whether the application involves any exterior architectural features which are subject to its approval. If any such features are involved, the commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, giving public notice as required by Section 11, Chapter 40C. The commission shall issue a decision as soon as convenient or in any case within thirty days after filing of the application, unless the applicant agrees in writing to extend the time period. (The commission may waive the public hearing upon written agreement by all persons entitled to notice or if the commission determines that the architectural feature involved is insubstantial in its effect on the district; but such waiver shall be subject to the provisions of Section 11, Chapter 40C).

Section VIII. (Pursuant to Section 17, Chapter 40C). In case any section, paragraph, or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

Section IX. Effective Date: After approval by a two-thirds vote at a Northfield regular or special Town Meeting, and after filing of the aforesaid map of the boundaries and written description of the Historic District with the Town Clerk, the Building Inspector, and the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, and after notification of approval from the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Northfield Historic District By-Law shall take immediate effect.

VOTED: That the Town deal with Article 27 before proceeding with Article 6.

Article 27. MOVED unanimously to split Article 27 into three divisions.

VOTED: (by 2/3 vote) to amend the Protective Regulations By-Law for the Town of Northfield as follows:

Section 5. Intensity Regulations
Class B Lot
delete "(1) Slope of 20 percent or more"

VOTED: (by 2/3 vote) to amend the Protective Regulations By-Law for the Town of Northfield as follows:

Section 6. General Regulations
(a) Exemptions
delete "When such a non-conforming use ends, however, the exemption ends with it" and add "No non-conforming use will be permitted after the lapse of five (5) years from the end of a pre-existing non-conforming use".

DEFEATED: (by 2/3 vote) to amend the Protective Regulations By-Law for the Town of Northfield as follows:

Section 5. Intensity Regulations
Class B Lot
increase "frontage on a public way of 150 feet or more" to "frontage on a public way of 250 feet or more".

Article 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and appropriate the sum of $220.69 provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172.

Article 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town appropriate the sum of $1,250.00 already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960.

Article 8. VOTED UNINAMOUSLY: That the Town transfer from the Overlay Reserve Fund the sum of $15,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the current Fiscal Year as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended.

Article 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Mass. General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk.

Article 10. AMENDED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $1,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account to publish Northfield's new real estate valuations.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $3,800.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purpose of aerial spraying of wetland areas to dispose of the larvae and adult mosquitoes.

Article 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $3,035.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the rebuilding of the Water Pollution Control Plant's #2 return pump.

Article 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the rebuilding of the Water Pollution Control Plant's clarifier.

Article 14. AMENDED AND VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a Chlorine Detector for the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Article 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand ($8,000.00) dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, and further voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for said purpose.

Article 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon Schools, a Massachusetts Corporation, the sum of $4,000.00 to be applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year '84 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service.

Article 17. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept the following sums of money for Perpetual Care of the following cemetery lots:

From William R. & Mary L. Compton for Perpetual Care of Lot #61½ in Mt. Hermon Cemetery	$100.00
From Geraldine B. Schwenke for Perpetual Care of Lot #27½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery	100.00
From Lawrence A. & Elizabeth S. Comins for Perpetual Care of Lot #6 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	100.00

From Daniel R. Wilson for Perpetual Care of Lot #16½ in West Northfield Cemetery	$100.00
TOTAL	$400.00

Article 18. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $425.00 for the Council on Aging for the purpose of providing home care, nutrition services, and other expenses to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield.

Article 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $3,450.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account as the Town's share of the Shared Administrative Assistance Program, to accept any other funds as may be available to support said program during Fiscal Year 1984, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a cooperative agreement as prescribed by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A for the program's administration and management, subject to approval of funding from other entities involved.

Article 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer from the Machinery Earnings Account of the Town, the sum of $1,902.00 to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and expend the sum of $29,868.00 or any other sum or sums that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. of Public Works, for FY83, Chapter 191, 90-type construction of town roads; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto; and further to transfer from free cash said sum in anticipation of 100% reimbursement.

Article 22. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and expend the sum of $31,000.00 or any other sum or sums that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. of Public Works, for FY84, Chapter 191, 90-type construction of town roads; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto; and further to transfer from free cash said sum in anticipation of 100% reimbursement.

Article 23. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $8,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a new sander body for the Northfield Highway Department.

Article 24. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $4,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a blacktop paver for the Northfield Highway Department.

Article 25. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $4,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for drainage and roadwork on Pine Meadow Road.

Article 28. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the continuing maintenance, purchase of supplies, preservation, indexing and microfilming of Town or Historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 30. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $8,900.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser and related equipment, trade in or dispose of the present cruiser.

Article 31. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $1,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of portable radios and related equipment for the Northfield Police Department.

Article 32. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Article 34 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1982 by deleting the words "Mini 14, high-powered rifle" and adding the words "12-gauge shotgun".

Article 33. PASSED OVER.

Article 34. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of portable radio equipment for the Northfield Fire Department.

Article 35. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $3,200.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for bringing the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus up to safety standards.

Article 36. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer the sum of $1,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the installation of channel-guard on the Fire Department's Tri-State radio frequency.

Article 39. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept a sum of money from the Northfield Mount Hermon Schools, a Massachusetts corporation, to be applied to the Town expenditure for FY'84 under the Town's contract for bus service with Franklin Regional Transit Authority.

Article 40. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 to provide for an audit of the Town's finances in order to comply with Federal Revenue Sharing requirements.

Article 41. DEFEATED: 15 Yes, 18 No. That the Town return to partisan Town Caucus.

Article 42. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses to be incurred by the Town Caucus.

Article 43. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for public safety and convenience expenses to be incurred in the Town's Old Home Days celebration on the 23rd and 24th of July, 1983.

Article 44. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of $10,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund.

Article 45. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, the sum of $52,500.00 for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1984.

Meeting was dissolved at 12:07 A.M.

A True Copy ATTEST: Barbara J. Brassor

TOWN CLERK

June 7, 1983

Boston, Massachusetts.

The foregoing amendment to the zoning by-laws adopted under Article 27 of the warrant for the Northfield Annual Town Meeting held May 3, 1983, is hereby approved.

Francis X. Bellotti

ATTORNEY GENERAL

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 20, 1983

Approximately 35 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Messer, Moderator, and the invocation was given by Mr. David Barnes.

Article 1. VOTED: 30 yes, 3 no - That the Town appropriate the sum of $158,000.00 for the construction of a sanitary sewer or sewers from the south interceptor at the Central Vermont Railroad along Meadow Street and in easements to the proposed Franklin County Regional Housing Authority apartment development and to the Northfield Elementary Schools west of Main Street including engineering and related service, easement and land acquisition, and other expenses necessary to complete this project; and to meet this appropriation the sum of $70,000.00 be transferred from available unappropriated funds, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow a sum not to exceed $88,000.00 for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended, or any other enabling authority, provided that the total amount of authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amounts of any Federal and/or state grants available to the town for this project and by the amounts of any other gifts or grants including gifts or grants from the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority also available to the Town for this project; and further that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, or the Board of Selectmen acting for and on behalf of the Town be and are hereby authorized to apply for, contract for, accept, and expend any such aid which may be available with respect to the above-described project, and further authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Article 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town purchase, accept a deed or deeds from the owners thereof, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire a permanent easement for drainage purposes easterly of East Street more particularly described and bounded as follows:

'In the Town of Northfield, easterly of East Street, across land of Kenneth D. and Lucinda J. Jordan, an easement for storm drainage purposes, including the right to enter men, machines, and equipment to construct, operate, maintain, and improve said storm drain, in a strip of land thirty (30) feet in width, the centerline of which is described as

follows: beginning at a point on the easterly sideline of East Street, said point being N 33° - 19' - 17" E, a distance of twenty-three and no hundredths (23.00) feet from a stone bound marking the southwesterly corner of land Kenneth D. and Lucinda J. Jordan,

thence, S 59° - 48' - 57" E across land of said Jordan a distance of two hundred and no hundredths (200.00) feet to a point;

thence, continuing as the centerline of seventy (70) foot wide easement, S 59° - 48' - 57" E a distance of three hundred and no hundredths (300.00) feet to a point marking the easterly terminus of said easement; and containing about 27,000 square feet; as shown as Parcel No. 1 on a Plan titled:

Plan of Easement
In the Town of Northfield
For The
East St. Storm Drain Project
Tighe & Bond/SCI, Consulting Engineers
Easthampton, Mass.

Scale: 1" = 40' Dated: June, 1983

and being part of the land deeded to Kenneth D. and Lucinda J. Jordan on October 25, 1976 by a deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1480 Page 18.

and including the right of the Town of Northfield to discharge and flow storm drainage from the aforementioned storm drain onto and across land of said Kenneth D. and Lucinda J. Jordan'

and further to transfer from the funds appropriated under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting held on September 13, 1982 the sum of $1,300.00 for this easement acquisition.

Article 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,309.00 for the purchase of a liability insurance policy for the Northfield Police Department.

Article 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town pay bills from the prior Fiscal Year, 1983, and raise and appropriate the money as follows:

Town Hall Maint:		
	Mohawk Plastics, Inc.	$ 29.70
Tree Dept:		
	Asplundh	1,674.81
Sewer Dept:		
	William C. Walker, Jr.	419.00
	Tighe & Bond	3,302.61
Board of Health:		
	Eugene Miller, Health Inspector	52.50
		$ 5,478.62

Meeting dissolved at 8:25 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST: Barbara J. Brassor

TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 22, 1983

Approximately 125 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Messer, Moderator, and the invocation was given by Mr. Arthur Green.

Motion was made and carried by a majority to move Articles 3 and 4 before Article 1.

Article 3. DEFEATED: 54 No, 47 Yes - That the Town adopt the uniform unit method of establishing sewer assessments under Chapter 83, Section 14 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as most recently amended, as provided for in Chapter 83, Section 15 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as most recently amended.

Article 4. PASSED OVER.

Article 1. VOTED: 83 yes, 17 No - That the vote under Article 3 of the Warrant for the September 13, 1982 Special Town Meeting as ratified and confirmed by the vote under Article 2 of the May 3, 1983 Special Town Meeting is hereby amended to read as follows:

> Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of $250,000.00 for the engineering design and construction of a surface water drainage system to service the area of East Street within the Town in conjunction with the proposed sewerage system project; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow and/or issue bonds or notes of the Town for a sum not to exceed $250,000.00 for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended, or any other enabling authority; provided that the total amount of authorized borrowing shall be used together with any amounts of Federal and/or State grants available to the Town for this project; and, further, to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners acting for and on behalf of the Town, to apply for, contract for, accept, and expend any such aid which may be available with respect to the above described project; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept a loan or loans from the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) of the United States Department of Agriculture for this project with the agreement that the Board of Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to sign and comply with the FmHA loan resolution; and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Article 2. AMENDED:*Yes 58, No 38. VOTED: Yes 82, No 14 - That the vote under Article 2 of the Warrant for the September 13, 1982 Special Town Meeting is hereby amended to read as follows:

> Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of $500,000.00 for the construction of a sanitary sewer or sewers, including a system of interceptors to service the area of East Street within the Town, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized and empowered to borrow and/or issue bonds or notes of the Town for a sum

not exceeding $500,000.00 for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended, or any other enabling authority, provided that the total amount of authorized borrowing shall be used together with any amounts of Federal and/or State grants available to the Town for this project; and, further, to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to apply for, contract for, accept, and expend any such aid which may be available with respect to the above described project; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept a loan or loans from the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) of the United States Department of Agriculture with the agreement that the Board of Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to sign and comply with the FmHA loan resolution; and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of carrying out this project, *provided that permanent sewer privileges, as specified in Chapter 83, Section 17, of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby adopted, said permanent sewer privilege to be administered by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Article 5. VOTED: 79 Yes, No 2 - That the Town acquire by purchase, accept deeds from the owners, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire permanent easements for drainage purposes adjacent to East Street more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 2

Drainage Easements Description

In the Town of Northfield, easterly of East Street, across land of Donald L. and Carolyn W. Holden, two (2) permanent easements for storm drainage purposes, including the right to enter men and machines and equipment to construct, operate, maintain, and improve said storm drainage appurtenances together with the right to flow water on and across said land, each easement being a strip of land thirty (30) feet in width, the centerlines of which are described as follows:

Easement No. 1: A drainage easement the centerline of which begins on the easterly sideline of East Street, 558 feet plus or minus northerly of the stone bound located at the southeast corner of Warwick Avenue and East Street, and said drainage easement centerline extending northeasterly from said easterly sideline across said land a distance of 30 feet along the centerline of the drainage pipe with the drainage easement being 15 feet in width on both sides of the drainage pipe centerline for a total drainage easement width of 30 feet, said location to become permanent upon final location of the drainage pipe and including a headwall, stone riprap, and the right to flow water on and across said land of said Holden.

Easement No. 2: A drainage easement the centerline of which begins on the easterly sideline of East Street 941 feet plus or minus northerly of the stone bound located at the southeast corner of Warwick Avenue and East Street, and said drainage easement centerline extending northeasterly from said easterly sideline across said land a distance of 30 feet along the centerline of a paved waterway with the drainage easement being 15 feet in width on both sides of the paved waterway centerline

for a total drainage easement width of 30 feet, said location to become permanent upon final location of the paved waterway and including stone riprap together with the right to flow water on and across land of said Holden.

and being part of the land deeded to Donald L. and Carolyn W. Holden on July 15, 1965 by a deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1183, Page 678.

Parcel No. 3

Drainage Easements Description

In the Town of Northfield, westerly of East Street across land now or formerly of Richard E.S. Maxson, a permanent easement for drainage purposes, including the right to enter men, machines and equipment to construct, operate, maintain and improve said storm drainage appurtenances and the right to flow water on and across said land, said easement being a strip of land thirty (30) feet in width the centerline of which is described as follows:

A drainage easement the centerline of which begins on the westerly sideline of East Street at a point which is on a line perpendicular to the easterly sideline of East Street at a point 941 feet plus or minus northerly of the stone bound located at the southeast corner of Warwick Avenue and East Street, and said drainage easement centerline extending northwesterly from said westerly sideline across said land a distance of 30 feet along the centerline of the paved waterway with the drainage easement being 15 feet in width on both sides of the paved waterway centerline for a total drainage easement width of 30 feet, said location to become permanent upon final location of the paved waterway and including stone riprap, together with the right to flow water on and across land of said Maxson.

and being part of the land deeded to Richard E.S. Maxson on October 30, 1970 by a deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1266, Page 377.

and further, to transfer from funds, appropriated under Article 3 of the Warrant for the September 13, 1982 Special Town Meeting as ratified and confirmed by the vote under Article 2 of the May 3, 1983 Special Town Meeting, the sum of $1,000.00 for these easement acquisitions; and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to carry out any and all actions necessary to implement this vote.

Article 6. DEFEATED: 46 No, 35 Yes - To accept the provisions of Chapter 85, Section 11 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as most recently amended, relating to arrest without warrant of one who drives at excessive speed in violation of an ordinance or by-law.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of $692.00 from free cash for library purposes.

Meeting dissolved at 10:34 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST: Barbara J. Brassor

TOWN CLERK

REPORT of the FIRE CHIEF

The Northfield Fire Department reponded to 96 emergency calls last year. Those calls were as follows:

Structural Fires	2
Electrical Fires	7
Chimney Fires	21
Brush/Grass Fires	8
Vehicle Fires	4
Vehicle Accidents	6
Mutual Aid	9
Oven Fires	3
Fire Alarms	21
Investigations	3
Miscellaneous	12

This year we had a substantial increase in automatic fire alarms sounding. As more and more smoke detectors are installed in homes, apartments, public buildings and dormitorys, an increase of alarms is expected. Even though many people refer to these as nuisance calls, we are exceptionally pleased to see so many aware of fire safety, enough so, to install early warning devices.

A reminder to anyone selling or transferring any habitable dwelling, smoke detectors are required by state law, and must be inspected/tested prior to the legal closing by the Fire Department.

In addition to the emergency responses previously listed, many inspections and permits are issued by the Fire Department during the course of the year.

I would like to thank my officers and men for not only doing a fine job at fire suppression, but also for helping me greatly in the many aspects of fire prevention. Also, I would like to thank all the other departments and boards I have worked with in the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

FIRE CHIEF

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield , *in the County of Franklin,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday, the seventh day of May, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year: Town Clerk for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; Tax Collector for three years; Treasurer for one year; two Elementary School Committee members for three years; one Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee member for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Planning Board member for five years; one Planning Board member for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for one year; three Recreation Commission members for three years, and one Recreation Commission member for two years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, May 8, 1984 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any

suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Mass., as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year '85, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TITLE			APPROPRIATION 1984	1985
Moderator				
Salary			62.00	62.00
Expenses			50.00	50.00
Selectmen	1984	1985	2798.00	2798.00
Chairman	970.00	970.00		
Members	914.00	914.00		
Expenses			2182.00	2200.00
Secretary Salary			12346.00	12963.00
Copy Machine, Supplies & Service			700.00	800.00
Accountant				
Salary			5185.00	5444.00
Expenses			225.00	850.00
Treasurer				
Salary			4558.00	4786.00
Expenses			1600.00	1600.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Cost			500.00	500.00
Tax Collector				
Salary			3195.00	3355.00
Expenses			2500.00	2700.00
Assessors	1984	1985	3136.00	3136.00
Chairman	1090.00	1090.00		
Others	1023.00	1023.00		
Expense			2575.00	2500.00
Clerk			3710.00	3896.00
Finance Committee Expense			55.00	55.00
Town Clerk				
Salary			1960.00	2058.00
Expenses			500.00	300.00
Elections & Registration			1500.00	2750.00
Town Counsel Expenses			4500.00	4500.00
Planning Board Expenses			170.00	170.00
Appeals Board Expenses			150.00	150.00
Town Hall				
Custodian			4373.00	4591.00
Maintenance			9500.00	9500.00
TOTAL			68030.00	71714.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department		
Police Chief Salary	17500.00	18375.00
Holiday Coverage	661.00	707.00
Special Police Wages	13476.00	14242.00
Police Dept. Operating Expense	9180.00	11954.00
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	612.00	612.00
Forest Fire Warden	229.00	229.00
Public Safety Officer	114.00	114.00
Fire Dept. Secretary	172.00	172.00
Fire Dept. Wages	8500.00	8500.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	6350.00	6350.00
Hose & Equipment	3000.00	3000.00
Hydrants	500.00	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00	1000.00
Maintenance Fire Station & Garage	6400.00	6400.00
Tree Department		
Wages	5000.00	5500.00
Expenses	1000.00	1000.00
Insect & Pest Control	383.00	383.00
Wire Inspector		
Salary	1374.00	1374.00
Expenses	125.00	125.00
Building Commissioner		
Salary	4900.00	4900.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00
Dog Officer		
Wages	500.00	500.00
Expenses	250.00	250.00
Civil Defense	1000.00	500.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	82327.00	86788.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health		
Salaries	706.00	706.00
Expenses	1356.00	1470.00
Nurse & Substitute	20494.00	21500.00
Nurse's Expenses	955.00	995.00
Car Expense	1000.00	1200.00
Nursing Program, Montague	5000.00	5500.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aid	4000.00	4500.00
Animal Inspector	525.00	525.00
Brush Dump	500.00	700.00
Transfer Station	48000.00	52550.00
Sewer Commission		
Salaries	706.00	706.00
Expenses	67.00	67.00
Collector's Salary	---	325.00
Sewer Department Wages	22521.00	22675.00
Operation & Maintenance Sewer Plant	13000.00	16000.00
TOTAL	118830.00	129419.00

HIGHWAYS

Highway Supt. Expenses	950.00	700.00
Highway Dept. Wages	50173.00	56415.00
Snow Removal Wages	23638.00	23416.00
Snow Removal Expenses	32631.00	35800.00
Machinery Maintenance	43100.00	46000.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	50000.00	52000.00
Highway Tools	500.00	500.00
Garage Tools	250.00	250.00
Street Lights	29000.00	29000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	230243.00	244082.00

VETERANS

Soldiers' Relief	1000.00	1000.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Elem. School Comm. Salaries	952.00	952.00
Elementary School	408385.00	426406.00
Pioneer Valley Regional School	474913.07	477812.86
Franklin Co. Tech. School Capital	10650.80	11088.11
Franklin Co. Tech. School Operating	92174.95	81278.99
Dickinson Library		
Wages	22793.00	23933.00
Expenses	14000.00	13985.00
Northfield Farms Library	300.00	300.00
TOTAL	1024168.82	1035755.96

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Commission	6000.00	6150.00
Maintenance Athletic Field	475.00	600.00
Conservation Commission	165.00	165.00
Fish	255.00	250.00
Land Damages	100.00	1.00
Town Reports	1000.00	1300.00
Memorial Day	717.00	753.00
Insurance, Chapter 32B	32000.00	33000.00
Other Insurance	44000.00	46000.00
Historical Society Building	200.00	200.00
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00	340.00
Town Clock	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	85502.00	89009.00

CEMETERIES

Wages & Contractural Services	170.00	170.00
Expenses	170.00	170.00
TOTAL	340.00	340.00

Interest		
Town	200.00	200.00
Sewer Loans	10000.00	10000.00
TOTAL	10200.00	10200.00
GRAND TOTAL	1620640.00	1668307.96

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate any sum or sums of money provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum or sums of money already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of installing exterior drainage below the footings on the west and south sides of the Dickinson Memorial Library, together with waterproofing the subsurface walls and doing any of the pointing up of stonework that may be necessary on them, in order to alleviate periodic flooding problems in the basement rooms, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $1200.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve Fund any sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund for the current Fiscal Year as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $15,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Mass. General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Mass. General Laws, as amended, Clause 41B, Real Estate Tax Exemption for Elderly; Clause 37A, for Blind Persons; and Clause 17C for Widows, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of updating the Town's Real Estate evaluation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $3000.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the uniform unit method of establishing sewer assessments under Chapter 83, Section 14 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as most recently amended, as provided for in Chapter 83, Section 15 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as most recently amended; or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote, in order to implement the adoption of the uniform unit method of making sewer assessments, to separate the local costs of general benefit facilities (including, but not limited to, interceptor and trunk sewers and all necessary and incidental costs related to said interceptor and trunk sewers) from the local costs of special benefit facilities (including, but not limited to, the street sewer mains serving adjacent properties and all necessary and incidental costs related to said street sewer mains) and authorize the Sewer Commissioners to determine, calculate and allocate the elements of costs to each of the above categories of benefit facilities and to apportion, allocate and assess said costs of general benefit facilities and special benefit facilities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 15 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as most recently amended, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 1 of the Warrant for the September 20, 1983, Special Town Meeting to increase the appropriation for construction of a sanitary sewer or sewers from the south interceptor at the Central Vermont Railroad along Meadow Street and in easements to the proposed Franklin County Regional Housing Authority apartment development and to the Northfield Elementary Schools west of Main Street including engineering and related services, easement and land acquisition, and other expenses necessary to complete this project and further to determine whether the additional sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept deeds from the owner, or take by eminent domain for the construction, maintenance and operation of sewage collection, and transmission facilities for the Meadow Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Extension Project authorized by and funding appropriated for under Article 1 of the September 20, 1983, Special Town Meeting, permanent easements and temporary construction easements, together with the right of access and egress; said easements more particularly described on a plan available for inspection at the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Stabilization Fund to the Meadow Street Sewer Account, in lieu of amount to be borrowed, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $88,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund.

Article 18. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to form a Sewer District in the Town, or take any action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of aerial spraying of wetland areas to dispose of the larvae and adult mosquitoes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Clerk's term of office from one year to three years; said term to commence at the Annual Election to be held in May of 1985, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 2 of the Mass. General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to combine the positions of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer; said position to be for a term of three (3) years, commencing May, 1985, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand ($8,000.00) dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon Schools, a Massachusetts Corporation, a sum of $4,000.00 to be applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year '85 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sums of money for Perpetual Care of the following Cemetery lots; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

From Evelyn M. Perkins, 80 W. Main St., Millers Falls, Mass. for Perpetual Care of Lot #36½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	$100.00
From Eugene J. & Florence L. Bruhm, 15 Morgan Ave., Medford, Mass. for Perpetual Care of Lot #9A in W. Northfield Cemetery.	100.00
From Dr. Ernest N. Kirrmann & Winn S. Kirrmann, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. for Perpetual Care of Lots #25 & #26 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	100.00
From the Estate of Florence B. Lyman, First Vermont Bank & Trust Co. for Perpetual Care of Lot #345 in Center Cemetery.	300.00
From Lynton H. & Carol G. Martin, 24 Quarry Rd., Apt. 22, Waterville, Me. 04901, for Perpetual Care of Lot #55½ in W. Northfield Cemetery.	100.00
From Calvin A. & Anne E. Harrington, 17 Pratt St., Millers Falls, Mass. 01349 for Perpetual Care of Lot #47½ in West Northfield Cemetery.	100.00
From Donald H. & Margery J. Newton, Box 151, Ashby, Mass. 01431 for Perpetual Care of Lots #69 & #70 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	100.00
Total	$ 900.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to refurbish and maintain the Coller Cemetery, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested:

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the continuing maintenance, purchase of supplies, preservation, indexing and microfilming of Town or Historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount req: $700.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the Council on Aging for the purpose of providing home care, nutrition services, and other expenses to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $425.00.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money as the Town's share of the Shared Administrative Assistance Program, to accept any other funds as may be available to support said program during Fiscal Year 1985, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a cooperative agreement as prescribed by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A for the program's administration and management, subject to approval of funding from other entities involved, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $3625.00.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of commencing rehabilitation of the Schell Bridge, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $10,000.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Machinery Earnings Account of the Town, any sum or sums of money to the Machinery Maintenance Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $1264.75 from the Machinery Earnings Account to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of two (2) new Dump Trucks with sander bodies, snow plows, and/or related equipment, trade in or dispose of the 1973 and 1979 International Dump Trucks and sander bodies, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $14,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,500.00.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to trade in the present Hough Payloader for a new Payloader for the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $48,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the possibility of erecting a new Highway Garage, including any necessary land acquisition, and to report its findings at the next Annual Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a new electric typewriter for the Selectmen's office, trade in or dispose of the present Olympia Electric 65 typewriter, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase and installation of a Public Address System for the auditorium of the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1730.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to paint the two new offices in the upstairs of the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to hear any report of the study committee appointed to investigate the formation of a Regional Police Department, in accord with Article 46 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1979, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a new K-55 Radar Unit for the Police Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $844.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purchase of four (4) bullet-resistant vests of a type approved by the International Association of Police Chiefs for the Northfield Police Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $920.00.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following By-Law for the Town of Northfield:

'By-Law: Driving at Excessive Speed in the Attempt to Avoid Lawful Process.

Whoever violates an ordinance or By-Law prohibiting persons from driving at a rate of speed inconsistent with public safety or convenience in an attempt to avoid lawful process may be arrested without a warrant by an officer authorized to make arrests and kept in custody not more

than twenty-four hours, Sunday excepted, and within such time he shall be brought before the proper magistrate and proceeded against according to law.'

and further vote to accept Chapter 85, Section 11 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, which authorizes the enforcement of the above By-Law, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of the following traffic signs:

a. Two (2) reflective School Zone signs, to be erected in the area of the Elementary School on Main Street, Northfield
b. One (1) sign to warn northbound traffic on Gill Center Road of approaching Route 10 intersection
c. Two (2) Minimum Height Load signs, to be erected on east and west ends of Schell Bridge,

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay bills from a prior fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $26.10.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum or sums of money from the Northfield Mount Hermon Schools, a Massachusetts corporation to be applied to the Town expenditure for FY85 under the Town's constract for bus service with Franklin Regional Transit Authority, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue or abandon the section of Pine Meadow Cross Road relocated from Route 63 in 1964, and together with the so-called "Tenney Lot" owned by the Town of Northfield, consisting of approximately 1/2 acre, be sold by sealed bid through the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to return to partisan Town Caucus, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for expenses to be incurred by the Town Caucus, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for expenses to be incurred in the Town's "Old Home Days" celebration during July of 1984, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1985, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from available funds the sum of $150,000.00.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Chadwick T. Glover, Chairman
Robert P. Johnston
Carolyn B. Parenteau

A True Copy ATTEST:

James B. O'Shea
CONSTABLE OF NORTHFIELD

IN EMERGENCY

Police	772-0658
Fire	498-5521
Ambulance	498-5359

Town Office	498-5557